

News Tidbits

>>The FBI announced that it has discovered the thieves behind the 1990 art heist at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. It is one of the most prominent art thefts in history (once valued at 500 million dollars) in which 13 works were stolen, including pieces by Vermeer, Rembrandt, Manet and Degas. The suspects “are members of a criminal organization with a base in the mid-Atlantic states and New England.” The FBI however, is unable to charge anyone with the crimes because the statute of limitations (the maximum time after a crime that legal proceedings may occur) has run out. The artwork has not been recovered yet, and the infamously empty frames at the Gardner remain unoccupied. (CNN)

>>A man who recently posted a picture of himself next to a pile of money on Facebook will finally have to pay up. Christopher Robinson of Milwaukee posted a photo of himself and a pile of money, a seemingly harmless move, except for the fact that he has failed to pay a single child support check for three years. Robinson is now being charged with three felony counts of failure to support his three-year-old child. (ABC News)

>>There are many ways to kill a snake. Uncontrolled fire, apparently, is not one of them. A woman in Liberty Eyalu, Texas, burned down her house trying to kill a snake that had slithered in. Her house on Will Smith Road (yes, really) was completely incinerated, and some damage was also inflicted on her neighbor’s house. She apparently doused the snake with gasoline and set it on fire, but the snake got into the brush pile outside her house and ignited a much larger blaze. She apparently doused the snake with gasoline, set it on fire and then the snake got into the brush pile outside her house and ignited a much larger blaze. (CBS News)

>>A Michigan woman has lost all her teeth and now suffers an aching back, arms and legs from drinking too much tea. Doctors eventually linked her usual preparation of 100 to 150 tea bags per daily pitcher to her various ailments and diagnosed her with skeletal fluorosis. The woman had to have all of her brittle teeth removed and is now in counseling to combat her addiction to strong tea. (Detroit Free Press)

>>Yoga-wear retailer, Lululemon, has recalled 17 percent of the yoga pants it sells in stores after the company learned the pants were see-through. This mistake will cost the international business around \$60 million in losses. With thousands of unsellable yoga pants, the company plans to recycle their products through deBrand, a company which turns unusable fabric into art or furniture. (Business Insider)

>>It’s not always bad when children don’t listen to their parents. After being banned from a store, a mother returned a few days later with her seven-year-old daughter and a can of pepper spray. When she was tackled to the floor, she yelled for her daughter to douse the employees with pepper spray. It’s a good thing her daughter didn’t spray. The mother has been charged with simple assault. (The Examiner)

Matt O’Malley: Propelling Change



O'MALLEY ENCOURAGES GREEN THINKING

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At 31, Matt O’Malley is a fresh-faced newcomer to local politics. His ability to lead and his desire for a healthier, safer Boston have already earned him two terms as a Boston City Councilor. Multi-tasking is all part of the job. From working on Boston’s Economic Development Committee, Project Hope and the Government Operations Committee, he still finds time to advocate for a greener, more sustainable Boston.

As a Boston Latin School graduate of the class of 1997, Councilor O’Malley learned lessons in leadership and governmental “do’s and don’ts” through Latin School’s Ward Fellowship, a program designed to partner upperclassmen with Boston’s political figures. He worked side by side with a distinguished politician, getting a feel early on for his passion in life: local government.

During his senior year in high school, O’Malley made quick connections with George Washington University’s (GW) head of admissions, a BLS grad himself, while on a college tour. Following his graduation from GW in Washington, D.C, O’Malley came right back to Boston in hopes of sparking change in its diverse neighborhoods. Today, he is in

charge of District 6, which includes Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury, parts of Mission Hill and Roxbury and the Back of the Hill.

On March 11, BLS was pleased to welcome O’Malley back for an informational meeting on green initiatives and future plans for the Boston Public Schools system. After getting acquainted with each student present, O’Malley talked about his recently-passed plan for paperless pay stubs for City of Boston employees. He explained, “It’s thousands of bi-weekly pieces of paper that no one uses or pays any mind to, they just get thrown out. It’s little things like that that need to change. It’s a simple way to save paper.” His thirst for change was not quenched there, however. He also advocates for more sustainable water. “Boston isn’t ready to ban water bottles or take drastic measures like some other cities, but we need to take steps to make local fountains cleaner and inform everyone that tap water is just as safe, if not safer,” he said when asked about how he would implement these movements within Boston Public Schools. O’Malley informed the students that the city was working on getting high-tech, cleaner water dispensers to every public school. He reiterated the importance of education throughout his whole speech, adding “It’s crucial that we start informing

citizens of the dangers surrounding lifestyle choices.” He holds monthly meetings with inhabitants of District 6, to keep them informed on what decisions are being made.

Councilor O’Malley is setting his goals into high gear, working side by side with the city’s leading forces to expand the Hubway initiative, Boston’s bike rental program, to more neighborhoods like Jamaica Plain. He also shared the city’s plans for future bike routes that would run alongside car roads, separated by bushes or railings to insure optimum safety. A sundry politician, O’Malley is even trying to get a drug drop-off program passed through legislation. This program would ensure the elderly in the City of Boston to conveniently receive their medications in the comfort of their own homes. This Roslindale native’s long-term goals are ambitious, but that may be just what Boston needs to become the leading force in sustainability.

“It makes me hopeful to see you all sitting here, listening to me when you don’t have to be,” said O’Malley, referring to the crowd of about 40 gathered in the Seevak room. “It’s not going to happen overnight, but taking small steps today will ultimately make a difference.”

Sexual Assault and Steubenville

By MIKE SKERRETT, II
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More than seven months after a party that would alter the lives of everyone involved and push a sleepy Ohio town into the national spotlight, two young men have finally received their sentencing. Trent Mays, 17, and Ma’lik Richmond, 16, were convicted of rape on March 17th in their hometown of Steubenville. The case has ignited a nation-

wide debate about the use of social media in reaction to rape, victim-blaming and one town’s football “hero culture.”

On the night of August 11th, teenagers from multiple Steubenville-area high schools arrived at an end-of-summer party. According to an extensive New York Times investigation on the events that night, more than 50 people were in attendance and underage drinking was rampant. Mays and Richmond, both star football play-

ers for the Steubenville High School Big Red football team that is the pride and joy of the city, were in attendance. Also coming was a 16 year old girl from a nearby religious school. The girl had drank so much that she was apparently unable to remember the events of the night. By 10:30, she was almost unable to stand and was having trouble speaking.

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Editor's Note

Gee whiz, Argies and Argettes! So much has happened since the last time we banged out an issue.

Obviously the first thing we have to acknowledge is the fact that we won the Academy Award for Best Picture! We here at the Argo couldn't be more grateful for such an honor, and we'd just like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped our newspaper be the first newspaper ever to win an Oscar. To start, a big thank you to the

News section for not being awful. Thanks to Forum for foruming. Big shout out to SciTech for showing up. Who could forget all the laughs we had with the ever present Arts & Entertainment? And working with Sports was just a homerun. Also, a hearty thank you to Canada.

There's a couple humdingers in this issue of the Argo. We've got an in depth look at STAND, we've got a really important article about Stuebenville, a

pretty rockin' article on the tennis squad and some really swell senior spotlights on some really cool cats.

Unfortunately there will not be a twerk team article, nor will there ever be.

We really think that we slapped together a spiffy issue of the Argo for all y'all, and we really hope that y'all enjoy it.

Holla holla holla,
Your Editors in Chief

A Missile Is Prepared To Launch

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On February 25, 2013, history was made as South Korea elected its first female president, Park Geun-hye. The first matter on the president's agenda is to stop its adversaries, one of which is North Korea. Not only has North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un sent harmful threats, but he is already acting upon them. North Korea has proved the country is not a power to be messed with. Just in the last few weeks, the government made several serious accusations that the U.S. had been hacking its websites and accused them of "intensive" cyber attacks. North Korea has also made war threats on the Eastern front, announcing its plans to attack the border between the two Koreas. Although notorious for the empty threats, North Korea's supply of nuclear weapons makes threats like these a real possibility.

As of late, North Korea has been stirring up tensions in the assembly hall of the United Nations (U.N.) with news of its third nuclear weapons test and its decision to nullify the Korean Armistice Agreement. Signed by North Korea, South Korea, the U.S. and the People's Republic of China in 1953, the Korean Armistice Agreement was a treaty of ceasefire between the

North and South. The treaty includes a clause that allows North Korea to attack South Korea if the treaty was ever withdrawn. North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un is quickly taking advantage of this clause, threatening to turn Seoul, the capital of South Korea, into a "sea of fire."

The U.N., provoked by the North's third nuclear weapons test, imposed sanctions intended to impede funding for the nuclear and missile programs. North Korea even lost the support of its main ally, the People's Republic of China, who voted in favor of these sanctions.

Acting in defiance of the U.N.'s decision, North Korea has recently cut its Red Cross hot-line with South Korea. This eliminates a crucial program which had served as a line of general communication and discussion of aid shipments.

The South recognizes these actions as a declaration of war and has been participating in rigorous military drills with U.S. troops to prepare for potential conflicts. Others, however, have dismissed North Korea's threats as mere rhetoric, citing the country's laundry list of empty threats as a means of gaining international attention and aid. There have been several cases in which North Korea has threatened to nullify the armistice in times of crisis, only resulting in a deployment and

subsequent withdrawal of troops.

Animosity between the North and South intensified when the North held a live artillery drill near a sea border during a dispute with South Korea. President Park Geun-hye has responded by ordering protection for the border islands in an attempt to avoid a recurrence of the fatal artillery strike in 2010. President Park has dedicated herself to improving relations with North Korea, although she asserted that any provocation will be taken seriously.

Despite this olive branch, North Korea has rejected all offers of conciliation and proposals to end the nuclear weapons program. Last year, the country falsely boasted that it would have developed missiles capable of hitting American mainland by October 2012. As of now, only South Korea, China and Japan are within the missiles' range.

Even considering North Korea's belligerent threats and the U.N.'s responsive sanctions, it is unlikely that this crisis will evolve into a full-fledged war. Despite the tense atmosphere in the 38th parallel, there is a symbol of hope in the North Korean industrial complex of Kaesong, where the funding and expertise is supplied by the South, while the workforce consists of North Koreans. Maybe Inter-Korean cooperation is not as far away as it seems.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STEUBENVILLE

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After players from the school’s baseball team dared each other to urinate on the passed-out girl, Mays and Richmond carried her to another party, tearing off her clothes and raping her while a friend recorded a video. After a third party, the girl spent the night on a couch at someone else’s home. The next morning, she awoke to compromising pictures and videos of her splashed across the internet.

One teenager posted on twitter, “Song of the night was definitely Rape Me by Nirvana,” and “some people deserve to be peed on.” Instagram photos of the passed out girl and a YouTube video of a baseball player talking about rape were also shared.

On August 14th, the girl’s parents brought all the evidence they could compile from social media: pictures, video and text recounting the events of the night. By then, however, it was too late for DNA tests or toxicology tests to

determine if she had been drugged. Mays and Richmond were arrested on August 22nd, a week after the evidence had been brought to the police.

People all over the internet and residents of the town rushed to take sides on the matter. A social media blogger saved the pictures and tweets before the players could delete them and started a petition online. She said the case was especially pronounced because the perpetrators themselves had kept documentation of their crimes. On the other hand Big Red coach, 27 years old, said “the rape is just an excuse, I think. What else are you going to tell your parents after you come home drunk like that and after a night like that? She had to make up something.”

The coach of the Steubenville High School football team, Reno Saccoccia, said he stood by his players and didn’t pay attention to what happens on the internet. He told the school superintendent and principal that the players did not think they were in the wrong and therefore he would not bench them. They were eventually suspended, with only two games left in the season.

The perpetrators, however, were not the only ones to come under fire. News outlets, specifically CNN, have come under fire for their “sympathetic” reporting of the

trial. Anchor Candy Crowley and reporter Poppy Harlow talked sadly of the boys’ “promising futures” being lost, and how they were “star football players, very good students,” and lamenting their lives falling apart. A petition demanding that CNN apologize has garnered more than 205,000 signatures online

Others, however, contend that CNN has no reason to apologize. Harlow ended the segment on Steubenville by talking about the victim: “Her life will never be the same again. Absolutely, Candy. The last thing she wanted to do was sit on that stand and testify. She didn’t want to bring these charges. She said it was up to her parents. But I want to tell our viewers about a statement that her mother just made, just made in the court after the sentencing. Her mother just said that she has pity on the two young boys that did this. She said human compassion is not taught by teachers or coaches. It’s a God-given gift, saying that you displayed a lack of compassion, a lack of moral code, saying that you were your own accuser throughout this for posting about this all over social media. And she said she takes pity on them. As far as her daughter, she said she will persevere -- she will get through this.”

Regardless of the opinionated hailstorm surrounding the case, Richmond will serve at least one year in prison and Mays will serve at least two. They will be labeled as sex offenders for the rest of their lives. As for the town, they will try to recover. As for the girl, she will try to move on with her life, and as for a nation, we will try to learn.



MAYS (LEFT) AND RICHMOND WERE CONVICTED ON THE 17TH

Scout’s Honor

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Picture a traditional American Boy Scout, expected by the organization’s law to always be ready and willing to help a neighbor or friend. For 103 years the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have served as a classic example of community and outreach across our country. Many people find it appalling, then, that the organization as of now refuses the aid of openly gay and lesbian scouts, troop leaders, employees, and volunteers, and has in many cases denied membership or participation to homosexual men and women (girls may participate in certain programs and adult women may volunteer in all programs). Recent issues such as the elimination of the “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” policy have brought to light this discrimination, which the Supreme Court upheld in 2000 as “free speech by a private organization,” and have caused the Boy Scouts to rethink their position. Among formal petitions from gay rights activists, the BSA is pressured by the fact that it is one of the last nation-wide organizations that is officially against homosexuality, now that the Girl Scouts, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the 4-H clubs, and the military have eradicated this prejudice. Therefore, they have concluded that this May they will determine whether or not to continue with this practice. The verdict was originally scheduled for February, but it was postponed due to the “complexity of the issue.”

While the BSA is a Christian organization, supporters of the policy have argued that this controversy is not simply a matter of their religious foundation, but a matter of the religion of their sponsors. According to the New York Times, 70 per cent of Boy Scout troops are sponsored by a church or religious-based group, and many fear that these conservative sponsors will back out if the homosexuality

ban is lifted. Others call it a matter of tradition. A Texan man quoted in the New York Times claims that this is “nothing against the gay community,” he just does not believe they should “come in and [say] ‘we want you to change how you’ve done this for 100 years.’” During the 2000 court case which determined the legal validity of their stance, the Boy Scouts officially argued that “a society in which each and every organization must be equally diverse is a society which has destroyed diversity.”

But opponents of the policy are not criticizing the BSA’s lack of diversity; they are criticizing its blatant discrimination in turning away members based on their sexual orientation alone. Many think this type of discrimination only contributes to the bullying problem that is sweeping the nation. And while supporters fear that the Boy Scouts will lose sponsors if they choose to reevaluate their policy, it is no secret that they will lose members and possibly sponsors, too, if they choose to keep it. “The Boy Scouts are a private organization, and they therefore should be allowed to do what they want,” said Kevin Jennings, President Obama’s School Safety Czar at the time. But since they are private, he added, referring to Boy Scout affiliation with the school system, “[they] cannot expect public money and public employees administering [their] program. The fact is that our public schools cannot

be in the business of running discriminatory programs. It is wrong.” More people seem to agree with this side of the story; a recent poll by Quinnipiac University shows a majority of 55% opposed to the policy, with only 33% decidedly in support.

The issue was brought to media attention by a case last year in which a gay teenager, Ryan Andreson, was expelled from Scouting after revealing his sexuality. He made an appearance on “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” explaining that initially when he joined, he was told that sexuality would not be an issue in his troop. An online petition

the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) which bans the federal recognition of gay marriage. The other is a challenge against California’s Proposition 8, legislation banning same-sex marriage in 2008 that was approved by voters. The nation is not sure of what the Court will decide, but it is important to note Justice Anthony Kennedy’s support for gay rights. Additionally, four new justices have joined the bench since the last case involving gay marriage was taken up, including Chief Justice John Roberts, who helped decide to maintain Obama’s healthcare legislation. If the Supreme Court’s decisions lift bans against gay marriage, the Scouts may have to adapt their views on their own ban.

In the end, the decision is a matter of the huge influence of churches in this Christian-based organization versus the local control of each individual troop. And since the Boy Scouts of America span all over the country from the conservative Deep South to the Democratic North, the troops represent many conflicting views. In fact, the BSA has publicly recognized that given this wide array of ideas, it cannot aim to please everybody, but it will have to make a decision. In the words of Scouts for Equality, an organization under Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), hopefully the verdict this May will “restore the social relevancy of one of this country’s great cultural institutions” and once again show the Boy Scouts in a positive, patriotic light.



BSA FACES THE TREMENDOUS DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO ADMIT OPENLY GAY SCOUTS

was made to protest Andreson’s expulsion from his endeavor to become an Eagle Scout and collected more than 475,000 signatures half a year later.

The Boy Scouts will perhaps face even more pressure after the Supreme Court makes its decision involving same-sex marriage. At the end of March the Court will determine the constitutionality of marriage between gays and lesbians. One case is a challenge to

Spotlight

BLS STAND



By NHU LE, I
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Every Tuesday in room 307 (home of Facing History, Ms. Freeman and super cool Macs), a group of young idealistic students gather. Their mission? To solve global issues and to preserve human rights. Who are they? The members of BLS STAND.

They might not be the superheroes the opening paragraph made them out to be, but the members of STAND are definitely as committed as any superhero to the concept of “justice.” Boston Latin School STAND for Human Rights (or BLS STAND for short) is one of the school’s most prominent humanitarian clubs. It differentiates itself from BLS’s many other humanitarian clubs, however, by working on all issues under the umbrella of “human rights.” It focuses on both fundraising and educating the school through its many large-scale events: Cupcake Day, the upcoming acapella concert STAND in Harmony, the club’s most well-known event Human Rights Day (remember the orange t-shirts?) and more.

This was not always the case. Before the 2010-2011 school year, BLS STAND was much smaller, and worked largely to end current genocides like the one in Darfur. When the opportunity to merge with the club Amnesty International presented itself, however, the club officers promptly agreed. BLS STAND became BLS STAND for Human Rights, an official chapter of both STAND and Amnesty International. The club has not looked back since.

Since the merge, BLS STAND has broadened its mission, focusing on a variety of topics, which shifts year-round in response to member interest and current events. This is easy to see when one looks at the issues discussed this year in its various events, which cover everything from genocides, to civil war in the Congo, to Islamophobia, to educational and religious rights in Iran and to prison reform.

As important as it may be to raise awareness, the members of BLS STAND are not just preaching. They are doing. In fact, Abdirizak Abdi (I), an officer of BLS STAND, stresses, “Every year we send over \$1500 to several international NGOs [non-governmental organizations] that are doing real, on-the-ground civilian relief work. We make sure that donations to BLS STAND are getting to the people who need them most.”

Although human rights violations will always occur around the world, the members of BLS STAND remain optimistic and committed. The school year might be winding down, but they are still planning events, including the upcoming acapella concert STAND in Harmony on May 3. When asked why the club stays so busy, co-president Pooja Kalapurakkel (I), says, "Sometimes we ourselves feel overwhelmed with the amount of work behind our, and we like to believe, 'OK, we've had this many events. We've done enough.' But in reality, it's never enough. There will always be something to do."

News
Mayoral Elections

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After nearly 20 years of leadership under Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Boston may have a new mayor elected in November.

On February 25, John R. Connolly, City Councilor At-Large, posted a YouTube video announcing his intentions to run for mayor this year. He stated in his video that, “I’m running for mayor because Boston should be the first city in America to transform urban public schools and offer every child a world-class education.” Connolly has made it clear through this video and his track record that he is focusing on education first and foremost. “We all need our Boston Public Schools to work because great schools lead to safe and healthy neighborhoods.”

John R. Connolly was first elected City Councilor At-Large in November 2007 and is currently serving his second term. After graduating from Harvard, Connolly taught at an alternative middle school in the Lower East side of Manhattan, where many students lived in neighborhoods stricken with poverty and violence. Almost all of the students at the school, however, graduated high school and attended college. Connolly cites his experience as evidence that he can turn the Boston Public Schools around because he knows that “urban schools can work.” As the Chair of the City Council’s Committee on Education, Connolly has focused on closing the achievement gap, increasing parental involvement and creating universal afterschool programs for each student.

By MARCELLA CARUSO, II
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On March 14, after over a year of discussion, Mayor Menino’s External Advisory Committee (EAC) on School Choice approved the Home-Based model for student assignment. This decision puts in place a number of changes that will influence the students of Boston Public Schools (BPS) for years to come. In effect, the committee voted to eliminate zoning, which has been the primary way of deciding student placement. In doing this, the EAC hopes to keep students at schools closer to home. In addition to building community ties and local friendships, this move would significantly reduce the detrimental environmental effects and operating costs of the BPS busing system on a daily basis. According to their website, boston-schoolchoice.org, the 1,773 miles it takes to transport students from one neighborhood to 64 schools is the distance from Boston to Cheyenne, Wyoming. By keeping those 1,193 students in five, six or seven schools, there will be less of a need for busing. This plan will reduce the distance children travel everyday by 40 percent.

Another goal of the committee is to establish a sense of community in each of the neighborhood schools. In a written statement, Superintendent Carol R. Johnson wrote, “This represents a major step forward for our city, it is a bold plan

Connolly is also known as a strong supporter for environmentally-friendly initiatives and aims to make Boston as green and healthy as possible; additionally, he serves as Vice Chair of the Committee on Environment and Health. In the past he has spoken out against the use of Bisphenol A, also known as BPA, a harsh chemical used in hard plastic bottles, and he filed legislation to fight climate change locally.

Meanwhile, Mayor Thomas M. Menino has not announced whether or not he will be running. In an interview with WBUR earlier in March he said, “I love this job and I’ve got a lot more to accomplish,” he said. “I’ll make that decision in the very near future.” Recently struggling with new health issues, such as type 2 diabetes and infections, Menino has some wondering if he will be physically able to continue serving another term. He has been hospitalized several times since taking office in 1993.

The mayor, however, has a proven track record in running the city and has done much to better it. “I’ve brought stability to the city of Boston. I’ve improved our schools. I think our schools are in much better shape than when I took over — dropout rate’s down, more kids going to college, more kids finishing high school,” he said in the WBUR interview. Additionally, under Menino’s leadership, Boston has stepped forward in eco-friendly initiatives such as single-stream recycling, biking programs and green building zoning. In 2008, the city of Boston was ranked as the third greenest city in the US by Popular Science Magazine.

Connolly has made it clear, however, that he will continue his campaign in any case. "Mayor Menino is a good man," Connolly said in his video. "I've worked with him, and I respect him immensely, but transforming our schools requires new ideas, new energy and a bold desire to break the status quo."

Other declared candidates vying for mayor are Charles Clemons, a former Boston Police and corrections officer and a private radio station founder, and Will Dorcena, a 2011 candidate for Boston City Council.

Potential candidates include Robert Consalvo, member of the Boston City Council, Marie St. Fleur, former State Representative and the first Hatanian-American to hold public office in Massachusetts, and John M. Tobin, Jr. a former City Councilor. Consalvo represents Hyde Park, Roslindale, Readville, and Mattapan; he has been overseeing the building of more affordable housing in Boston. Both Consalvo and Menino have denied rumors asserting that the two plan to make Consalvo mayor. According to The Boston Herald, the supposed scheme would involve Menino winning reelection but stepping down, leaving Consalvo as interim mayor with a leg up in the next election. Consalvo calls it, “just people spreading rumors for political gain.”

No matter who wins the upcoming mayoral elections, he or she will have big shoes to fill. Serving the city has its rewards, however. In his WBUR interview, Menino called being mayor, “the best job in America. There’s no other better job than being the mayor of Boston.”

BPS Redistricting

that strengthens access to quality schools, builds predictability and improves our communities while ensuring our schools can serve them well. This approval will allow us to focus together on improving school quality and access to quality all across our city.” The school selection process will be based off of the student’s home address. From that point, the family will be able to choose from any school within a mile radius. This increases the chance a family will get one of their top

school easier for parents of English Language Learners and students with disabilities. The changes will guarantee that schools nearby will have programs to suit their children’s needs.

Although a drawback is that students will have less exposure to different cultures around the city, this plan will increase the likelihood that a student will be in class with a neighborhood friend by 30 percent.

A common concern of most families

will be keeping all of their children in the same school. For a variety of reasons—including ties to the school, convenience and familiarity—many families do not want this plan to split their family between two or more schools. "The goal of this committee has, from the very beginning, been to have a conversation with our neighbors about how to best create a system that works for all the families in Boston," said EAC co-chair, Helen Dajer. To avoid this issue, BPS has decided to im-



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choice schools by eight percent.

By keeping students in their own neighborhoods, the EAC predicts that families will become more invested in their neighborhood schools and thus improve them, ultimately increasing the desirability of that school and increasing enrollment. Additionally, this plan will make finding the right

plement this plan gradually to ensure that it is convenient to all families. Sibling preference will still apply, and children will not be asked to leave schools they are currently attending. Most of these changes will affect much younger students; BPS expects to begin this new program in the fall of 2014.

Spotlight

Computer Science Club

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BLS's new Computer Science Club was an extremely popular new addition to the school's already highly-populated list of clubs this school year. Despite this initial peak, its active member count is now decreasing at an alarming exponential rate. Headed by Evan Yao (I) and Ben Shanahan (I), the members of the club strive to explore the realms of computer science, one of the most important fields to be knowledgeable of in our current society and where technology runs rampant.

The club meets every Thursday after school in room 306 to discuss and put into practice a wide variety of computer-related content, such as programming and even hardware. Members who have had little or no experience programming can easily pick it up with the support of helpful officers eager to spread the love of computers. One of the commonly used languages at Computer Science Club is Java, which is taught in AP Computer Science, a course offered to juniors and seniors at BLS. More recently, however, Shanahan has also been teaching web design through languages such as HTML, CSS, Javascript and PHP (Don't be taken aback by the variety, they're easy to learn!). A good understanding and the ability to program a computer are not only among the most useful skills to have in our increasingly technological world, but they are also loads of fun to put into practice. What about writing a script that does all your math homework for you? It's perfectly possible given your willingness to put in the effort. Computer programming also helps an individual learn to think and attack problems in a logical and efficient format, as well as significantly improve one's abilities to control the flow of the program—multitasking, that is, keeping track of everything that is going on.

Outside of programming, the club is also a place to talk about computer hardware. Computer Science Club is therefore a place where several die-hard computer hardware geeks reside, some of whom have also built computers much better than yours and mine by themselves. Like computer programming, knowledge of hardware is also useful. Not only will understanding hardware make you a better technical person and require you to call tech support less often (pfft, like you actually do it), but it will also increase your ability to comprehend how complex hardware systems work together to print things on the screen, like "Hello World!" Ever want to be an engineer? Computer Science Club is a good place to start!

Even if it is already well passed half of the year, it is never too late to join Computer Science Club every Thursday after school in room 306! New members are welcome and add great diversity to our members. Why not take this great opportunity to learn a new thing or two about computers?

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
It's Elementary, My Dear Friedman

By JOHN ZHANG, III
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On February 7, Boston Latin School was visited by Nobel Laureate and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) professor Jerome Friedman, born in Chicago to Russian immigrants. All students enrolled in physics were given the opportunity to attend a lecture presented by Professor Friedman during their R6 classes. In addition, the AP Physics class was presented with the unique opportunity to have lunch with the esteemed professor in the library (and check out books in the dining hall). According to reliable sources they were served food for thought.

Friedman attended the University of Chicago, where he earned his Ph.D. He then spent three years at Stanford in California and later relocated to MIT in 1961. At MIT, Friedman studied the internal structure of the proton with his colleagues Henry Kendall and Richard Taylor. They conducted their research at the Stanford Linear Accelerator also known as SLAC. Their experiments involved accelerating electrons that were directed against a target of liquid hydrogen to an energy of 20 billion electron-volts. They then analyzed the angles and energies of the scattered electrons and protons of the hydrogen nuclei. The results from this study concluded that the observed properties of the scattered electrons were the same properties calculated for hypothetical quarks. In 1990, Friedman would win the Nobel Prize in physics along with his collaborators, Kendall and Taylor, on account of their work that led

to the first experimental evidence for the existence of quarks.

Thanks to Professor Friedman's research, the quark is now accepted as a fundamental building block of nature after a decade of dispute. The lecture he gave on Thursday in the school auditorium concerned the research he

interested after reading fascinating books about the subject. He also believes that his greatest achievement is not his discovery of quarks, but rather his many years of teaching at MIT. "Sometimes they come back, and I don't remember them at all," he says, pausing for laughter, "but I'm always



1990 NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATE

had done that won him the Nobel Prize.

He spoke at length about the theory behind quantum mechanics, quarks, and string theory (which he stressed was not yet widely-accepted is a set of developing ideas). However, Professor Friedman also spoke about more personal matters, including the origins of his interest in physics and what he considers his greatest legacy. His answer to both questions was surprising. Apparently, he disliked physics as a high school student due to a mediocre teacher, and only became

touched when they tell me something I said have stuck with them."

Professor Friedman's visit and lecture at Boston Latin School proved to be an invaluable learning experience for students with aspirations in science. His contributions to the world of physics has settled a long debate over one of the basic building blocks of nature and opened doors to new questions waiting to be answered. There are many scientific breakthroughs waiting to happen in the coming decades as new scientists unravel the mysteries of the universe.

"Killer" Dolphins Escape

By ALICIA ZHANG, IV
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Flipper may have been trained to perform his famous tail walk, but dolphins today are being trained to work in the military.

The Ukrainian Navy has allegedly lost three of its highly trained militarized dolphins earlier this month. It is reported that they have escaped their handlers and have not been seen since. Experts say that they are off looking for potential mates during this mating season.

The Ukrainian government denies the whole thing, stating that they do not use dolphins for combat or defensive purposes. Pictures of dolphins, however, equipped with military devices surface every once in a while in the Ukrainian media. Additionally, a military source has told RIA Novosti (Russian International News Agency) that the Ukrainian military started training dolphins to detect mines, attack enemy swimmers and plant explosives on enemy ships. The dolphins are also said to be equipped

with pistols and knives, and are well-versed in the martial arts.

Dolphins have been trained by the Soviet Navy at Sevastopol, Ukraine since 1973. Ukraine took over the unit after the breakup of the Soviet Union and the division of the Black Sea fleet into separate Ukrainian and Russian navies. In order to keep the unit intact, the dolphins were trained for civilian

A former Soviet naval trainer told a news agency that even in the past, training could go awry at certain times of the year. This may account for the latest defections. Yury Plyachenko, a former Soviet naval anti-sabotage officer, told RIA Novosti that the dolphins should be back in a week or so, after they have finished with the mating process.

Other militaries, including the United States Navy, also use dolphins. The U.S., however, trains these dolphins not to attack but to gather intelligence. These dolphins are part of the U.S. Navy Marine Mammal Program (NMMP), a program which studies the military uses of marine mammals, primarily bottlenose dolphins and California sea lions. The NMMP trains these animals to perform tasks such as ship and harbor



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tasks such as working with disabled children. The Ukrainian Navy, however, has resumed training dolphins for commando operations such as attacking enemy combat swimmers.

protection, mine detection and clearance and equipment recovery. NMMP animal teams have been deployed for use in combat zones, such as during the Vietnam and Iraq Wars.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Coming Soon in 3D

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Can you print cars? Well, sort of. 3D printers, one of the most fascinating inventions to touch Earth, can print a variety of objects, from action figures to human skulls. They have been used in movies and TV shows, including the most recent James Bond film, Skyfall, where a German 3D printing company, Voxeljet, was hired to craft the three 1:3 scale replicas of the classic Aston Martin that were then blown to bits.

The 3D printer originated from the technique named stereolithography, patented by Charles Hull, co-founder of 3-D Systems, in 1986. Soon after, he developed the first commercial 3D printing machine called the Stereolithography Apparatus or SLA. The SLA contained a vat of liquid photopolymer (a clear liquid plastic that hardens when ‘touched’ by ultraviolet light), a UV laser and an elevator-like platform in the tank that moved the liquid photopolymer up and down to help craft the finished product.

The process of printing an object using the SLA can be broken down into three steps. First, a 3D model is created in a Computer-Aided Design (CAD) program. Next, the program analyzes your model and divides it into tiny layers about five to ten millimeters thick. Finally, the laser runs over the photopolymer one layer at a time until the project is done.

Although the original printer had the capabilities to print 3D figures overnight, the results were brittle and the uncured material could be toxic. In the following years, many companies also began to put out their own print-

ers; over time, 3D printers gained new features such as color and the ability to use other materials besides plastic.

This cutting 3D printing technology is already being further developed in the hopes of being applied to a variety of important purposes in numerous fields. NASA has engineered a 3D laser printing system to produce intricate parts for its new rocket program, the Space Launch System (SLS). Certain entrepreneurial medical companies have also started research on applying 3D printing to the medical field. Such companies use a type of 3D printer called bioprinters use “bio-ink” (a mixture of living cells) to create functional human tissue, layer by layer. The tissue is then used for research and regenerative medicine. These companies aim to one day make organs for organ replacements, which would of course be a great scientific advancement but would raise large ethical questions.

However, such applications of 3D printing are proprietary, expensive, and (most importantly) still subject to extensive researching. Most scientists agree that it could be a couple more decades until these uses of 3D printing are ready.

Until then, though, consumers can look to traditional 3D printing (sometimes called additive manufacturing), which is the type described previously in the article. Certain companies have in the past year brought to market 3D printers for consumers, which can be bought for only couple of thousands of dollars. Examples include MakerBot’s Replicator, its sister printer the soon-to-be-released Digitizer, and re:3D’s Gigabot. One’s design creations must of course be programmed onto the printer, making the use of a 3D

printer feasible only for programming and engineering enthusiasts. However, those who see 3D printing as the future insist that 3D printers will become more user-friendly with time, and that the applications for them on the consumer level are endless. One can create one’s own plastic toys, or one’s own clothing, or one’s own vases, or one’s own decorative items, or one’s own plastic cups and mugs

Proponents of 3D printing seem to dodge the more serious questions raised by 3D printing – questions like, “How can copyright be protected if everyone can print their own items? Will a company like Barbie or Lego be able to stay in business with the rise of 3D printing? Why are customized items necessary, or even simply better?”

These answers don’t exist, simply because 3D printing is not yet widespread. It is still a developing technology. However, people, as always, have opinions. Most students at BLS are understandably excited about it. After all, who does not like shiny new technology? When asked, Casey Moy (I) shrugged and said, “Why not?” Others, like Julie Horgan (I) showed skepticism. She said, “I don’t think the average household really needs 3D printing, but I do think it should be used for medical or scientific purposes, if it can save money and lives. However, if we do ever get to that point, there needs to be regulations and stringent testing, to make sure things like 3D-printed organs work.”

Such noble applications, however, are at least a decade or two away from 2013. Until then, the interested can pick up a 3D printer like MakerBot’s Replicator online for \$2,000. Its uses to an average person are as yet unclear, but it sure is cool.

“OK Glass, Begin Article”

By RONY THOMAS, I
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Imagine living in a world where everything is automated and electronic, where you can wake up in a house that is fully automated, self-sufficient and renewable, equipped with a climate control device that can adjust the environment around you according to your moods and desires. You walk out to your driveway and there sits a car that senses your presence and automatically opens the door to let you in, greeting you upon entry. You can choose to drive to work or let the car drive you wherever you need to be while you lie back and experience a simulated vacation trip to a tropical island of your choice, which you called up using voice commands. You suddenly see something outside and want to take a picture of what you see.

Well, just say so. While you are at it, share it with all of your friends on Facebook, or the equivalent social media service at the moment, all without moving a finger. Maybe even get turn-by-turn navigation in the corner of your eye when your car stalls (this is manmade technology after all) and you are left standing in the middle of the road, lost.

It sounds like a 1950s rendition of the future, doesn’t it? Well, Google has taken one of the many steps forward to try to achieve this tech dream through its various projects conducted by Google X Lab, which brought us the now famil-

iar driverless Google car. One of their newest projects, Project Glass, is professed to have the ability to revolutionize the way we look at the world. Introduced around August 2011, the Glass prototype, which is a pair of normal eyeglasses with a heads-up display, is set to go on sale for consumers in late 2013.

United States developers can buy a special developer version for \$5,000 right now. While the original design weighed around 8 pounds, the device,

lating languages, giving navigational directions, sending messages and displaying weather, all of which can be controlled by voice commands that are initiated by the phrase “okay, Glass, [command].”

This futuristic technology, first eyed by the public at the April 2012oo Foundation Fighting Blindness event in San Francisco, was hailed by TIME Magazine as one of the “Best Inventions of the Year 2012.” Along with the frenzy it has caused by specula-



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tion from eager customers, security and privacy concerns, however, have also been voiced. Time will tell what Google will do to both address those concerns and further develop this product. Future iterations of Google Glass will integrate new technologies that make life even more convenient for the average person.

Let us move on to the parts of this that are revolutionary. Glass, as the product will be known, has a limited list of features for now. This includes recording videos, taking pictures, searching Google, trans-

Spotlight

Evan Yao



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Most people say that there is no such thing as perfection. Anyone who has ever met or even talked to Evan Yao would beg to differ. A man of courage, integrity, intelligence, kind-heartedness, sugar, spice and everything nice, Evan is the total package.

There is not one thing that Evan does not know how to do. A master chess player, an all-star singer, a math genius, a chemistry enthusiast and most of all, a lady's man, Evan Yao shines bright like a diamond. The thing that sets Evan apart, however, is that he does not merely keep his intelligence to himself. It seems as though Evan works harder to make sure his peers succeed more than he does himself. Nevertheless, Evan still maintains his almost perfect grade point average.

“Evan Yao is like a father to me,” said Jaemin Woo (I). “He tutors me, feeds me, loves me and is always there for me. If I had never met Evan, my GPA would be a full 1.0 lower than it actually is.” Evan will travel from far and wide, simply in order to help his friends prepare for upcoming exams. He has even stayed three hours after school every day for two months to tutor a friend, receiving nothing—not even volunteer hours—in return. He is referred to in his AP Calculus BC class as Mr. Bilodeau's second in command and is also one of the few students who ever makes it to the second round of the American Math Competition (AMC). You would think that being this smart, you wouldn't have time for anything else, but Evan, also a chess prodigy, proves this untrue.

“Not only does he know his next ten moves, but he also knows YOUR next ten moves. He can also put you in checkmate in two moves if you aren't careful. But no matter what, he will always help you out, especially if you're like me and call the knight the 'horsey-thingy,’” said Jane Chuprin (I). Most people who are this good at chess, would win every time, but Evan is too nice for that. He will always warn his opponents if they are making a mistake or falling into a death trap on the chessboard. As with academics, Evan is always willing to help others just as much as he helps himself. He not only has the soul of an angel, but he also has the voice of one. Evan has such a jaw-dropping voice that he was accepted into not only Senior Districts, but also All-States. His voice will make any woman melt at his feet.

“I wish Evan Yao would notice me, because man, does he look like my next boyfriend,” said Julia Borges (I). And she's not the only one falling for Evan Yao. So ladies, you'd better start fighting, because only one of you can be the lucky girl who Evan Yao, the package of perfection, takes to prom.

Spotlight
Amy Trankiem



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By NHU LE, I
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If you have not yet met Amy Trankiem, then you have not met Boston Latin School’s resident fashion-and-make-up, piano-playing-otaku-feminist-activist-master-extraordinaire; and yes, Amy is all of these things and more.

It has been nearly four years since I’ve met Amy. I was sitting in Mrs. Johnson’s class, making some off-hand comment about a friend’s distinction between atheism and agnosticism to a girl I figured would be your average sweet, quiet freshman – and then, she turns to me and opens her mouth. Out pours all these insightful comments about religion’s power as a stabilizing force and atheism’s inherent biases. It was friendship at first sight.

In all the time we’ve known each other, she’s only continued to astound me with her compassion and her intelligence. Ask her any question about women or gender equality, and she will gladly treat you to a patented Amy-Trankiem-Rant © about global feminism and the ways in which social issues are amplified by traditional gender beliefs. In fact, for several years, Amy was a member of the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP), a local non-profit focused on preventing sexual violence and raising awareness about gender issues.

She can even deliver your Amy-Trankiem-Rant © as a rap to you, if you’d prefer. Not many people know this, but within this friendly, smiling girl is the voice of a lioness. Just last year, she won the Red Cross Talent Show with a powerful self-written Spoken Word piece that lambasted stereotypes about Asian women – and honestly, who better to deliver this but Amy herself, the very definition of non-conformity to these stereotypes?

Amy makes no sense and yet total sense. She reads both sweat-infused shounen manga and romantic shoujo manga. She knows everything about fashion and makeup and will give you the best tips on skin care if you ask, but she’ll cut you down if you assume she’s ditzzy because of it. She listens to sugary-sweet pop music, but she plays classical music on the piano. She’s led the Japanese Language and Culture Club since the eighth grade, and her passion for the Japanese underground culture is something she wears proudly (literally).

Amy has never shied away from acting as herself. Whatever she does, she does with sweetness and compassion, and I’ve no doubt that she will continue to do so in the future, regardless of whatever college is lucky enough to get her.

FORUM
Student Council: Second Congress

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Every Monday, elected “homeroom representatives” meet in Room 023 to ostensibly discuss school-related issues. Upon entering the room, however, it is clear that more constructive work has been done out in the noisy eighth-grade hallways than in the stale basement chamber. There is no enthusiasm, no drive for debate. Instead, a few officers stand in front of the room sputtering off incoherent plans, which must have taken all of the five minutes during a last period study to develop. Within minutes, the room is pure chaos.

Welcome to Student Council.

If you ask anyone about the Student Council at BLS, they will tell you it is a do-little organization that looks impressive on a résumé. But in September, I expected something different. I envisioned a close-knit community of dedicated students who strive to bring the issues Boston Latin School faces to light. I read the student

handbook in my agenda, which describes Student Council as a forum for debate and discussion on school-related topics, and saw the Council as an opportunity to express my opinions about Boston Latin School in a constructive and cooperative way. Rather, the Student Council has proved to be a social club and an often fruitless fundraising campaign. In our half-hour meetings, there is no time for discussion about student concerns. There is, however, time to debate whether a flyer design looks bright enough, whether a catch-phrase on a shirt looks nice, whether a logo on a ticket seems cool or whether tickets should be sold on a Thursday instead of a Wednesday.

Given the considerable amount of time spent on fundraisers, I assumed these events would be highly successful. But in October, we held our first fundraiser of the year: Rocktoberfest, the original concept of which involved a “battle of the bands.” While the details were not made clear to us, I am almost certain that we could not recruit the two bands we

wanted to perform. Ticket sales were a subject of eager discussion for the first two weeks before the spontaneous decision was made that the event would be free. On the day of the event, I went to the back of the school about half-an-hour early with a friend. There were no chairs, no tables and no structure to showcase any performance. Sitting on the grass, we swaited in the cold until we spotted five or six



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S.O.S.: Save Our Soap

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Leaky faucets. Broken locks on stalls. Graffiti on walls. No soap. Paper towels strewn about the floor. Where can you find bathrooms like this? In public? In restaurants? If you guess the Boston Latin School student bathrooms by 2:15, you would be correct.

Although Boston Latin School was established in 1635, the current building was only built in 1922. This ninety-year old building is still quite regal and is kept in relatively good condition. The classrooms have been well kept and clean, providing an optimal place for learning. The hallowed hallways are likewise neat. We have a large, spacious auditorium, updated elevators, even several new wooden widows.

The school bathrooms, however, are quite a different story. I have walked into the school bathrooms many times to find that not only are they often unsanitary, they even sometimes lack the necessities. At best the bathrooms are missing paper towels and soap. At worse, they lack paper towels and even functional urinals and stalls. Most restaurants have better bathrooms, even your local McDonald’s. Some of these restaurant bathrooms have as many visitors as our bathrooms. Why should we settle for the current condition of our bathrooms?

The bathrooms have been this way

since my sixie year, most likely even longer. I hear complaints among students all the time, so why has there been no changes made to address this problem? Is it because no complaints have been made, or is it because the school has chosen to ignore the problem? I have visited schools in the suburbs with better, cleaner restrooms than ours. Though it is true that these suburban schools are generally smaller, this fact actually increases the importance of keeping our bathrooms sanitary. Our school is very large. There are over 2000



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FACULTY BATHROOMS: HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES

students at BLS, meaning that hundreds go in and out of the bathrooms every day. Unsanitary bathrooms put students at risk of spreading germs and getting sick; and because there are so many students at BLS, many more are exposed to the risk than in other schools.

Some students have created their own alternatives. Some have gone so far as to avoid using the BLS bathrooms at all costs. Others have begun to ask teachers to use the faculty bathrooms, which are generally much cleaner than the ones for students. Still, others sneak into the faculty

Student Council officers coming out of the door with a makeshift table, and one of them shouted, “Yeah, Rocktoberfest!” Someone turned on some music, which blasted from speakers for only several minutes before a woman’s head popped out of a window two stories above, complaining about the loud noise. After that, I picked up my bag and left.

As a member of Student Council, I have been to nearly every meeting and understand the challenges the council officers face. Because of the intensive homework Boston Latin School requires of its students, the officers must find it hard to come up with innovative material or topics of discussion on a weekly basis. As uneasy as it is for me to bring up this issue, I, however, believe I am speaking on behalf of many other Student Council members when I say I am concerned. I am concerned that, out of the more-than-80 representatives at BLS, only about a dozen people show up to each meeting. I am concerned that these meetings have little purpose, direction and planning. A month ago, a friend told me how embarrassed he was when his homeroom teacher asked him to stand in front of his class and explain what he did there, because he had almost nothing to say. I hate to say that I understand his feelings.

Now I wonder: What lies ahead? In the Mondays to come, I will be in my usual place in the far left corner of Room 023. I will sit there counting the pipes that run along the ceiling, perhaps for ten minutes, before the meeting starts, and—to the members of the Student Council—I hope that we will finally do the actions the name “Student Council” bring to mind.

bathrooms whenever possible.

The situation is getting ridiculous and ought to be addressed now. Now, I understand there are budget constraints. I’m not suggesting that custodians or hall praefects monitor and clean the bathroom 24/7. The bathrooms don’t have to be squeaky clean. That would be superfluous. The custodians work hard to keep this school clean, and I’m not trying to burden them with more work. What I’m suggesting is that custodians should restock bathroom supplies and do quick cleanings

periodically during the school day, as opposed to just once after school. They could install air fresheners, since windows can’t be opened, in order for the bathrooms to be more pleasant to be in. Energy-efficient hand dryers would not only save paper and money, but would also reduce custodian workload. They would no longer have to replace paper towels or clean up paper towel messes. More signs

can be put up to remind students to tidy after themselves in the bathrooms.

Some of these suggestions need only be implemented once. Others can be very quickly done and would only change custodians’ schedules a little bit. The problem is simple and can be solved easily. I understand that others might think that there are bigger, more important problems that the school should focus on. However, if we can’t find the time to solve this small problem, how can we bring ourselves to tackle more important problems?

FORUM

Should Students Be Able to Wear Pajamas in School?



No

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Roaming the hallways of Boston Latin School, you witness countless teenage boys and girls walking with books in their arms, backpacks on their backs and sometimes even coffee at their lips. What you do not see regularly see are students walking around wearing Batman pajamas. Once a year, however, the seniors “grace” the halls of BLS in the attire they have been sleeping in for the past eight hours (or fewer) on a pajama-themed “Wacky Wednesday.”

The day strikes controversy between the school’s administration and the student body for obvious reasons. Pajamas technically do not adhere to the school’s dress code, which states, “Students should dress appropriately for the business of education.” While Hello Kitty pajama pants and matching slippers are neither “gang-related” nor profane, they do make Boston Latin School look sloppy in the eyes of alumni, parents, international guests and other visitors. So it makes sense that students are not allowed to come to school in their pajamas every day.

I am not saying that there should never be a Pajama Day at BLS, but rather that there should be stronger communication between the administration and the senior class when coordinating a day for the temporary suspension of the school’s rules of attire. There was obviously a miscommunication between the senior class officers who scheduled this year’s Pajama Day and the administrators whose job it was to approve the proposal. The mass confusion and frustration among seniors on Pajama Day was caused by both parties’ not coming to an agreement on the matter.

There are students who clearly push the boundaries of Wacky Wednesday, violating school rules for just a few laughs. By putting the administration in a difficult position, they ruin Pajama Day for those who cover their shoulders, wear pants of the appropriate length and cover their underwear.

As an administrator, Ms. Lewis-daPonte had every right to make an announcement during the school day disapproving of the students’ pajamas and having them change clothes or leave the building at 2:15. I am in full support of the administration’s actions that day because they were simply trying to restore integrity to the school’s image. Regardless of whether or not you wore pajamas, they were distracting. Next year’s class officers must set clear rules for Pajama Day against inappropriate nightwear and establish an agreement with our school authorities so that no one who is obeying the rules gets written up.

Students constantly try to argue that they have a right to wear pajamas in school. Wearing pajamas, however, is an excuse for either laziness or repulsiveness. Why would you sleep in something for eight hours and keep wearing it on your ride to school, throughout your classes, on your way back home and up until you go to bed again? That is what I call fashion overkill. Do you want your peers to know that you were so lazy as to not even be able to dig into your drawer to find sweatpants, jeans, shorts, or a T-shirt to wear to school? Some students try to claim that we wear sweatpants every day, so we should be allowed to wear pajamas. If you wear a pair of sweatpants to school which you wore the night before, however, people will walk by, sniff your stench and look down upon your disheveled appearance. Please at least attempt to dress moderately nicely to get the respect you deserve.

Yes

By ALEC MACNEIL, I
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It seems rather cut and dry, doesn’t it? “No gang related clothing,” “[n]o clothing...that displays profanity or drugs or alcohol” and no clothing that overtly renders one’s body unto the eyes of passersby. All we really have to do is “dress appropriately for the business of education.”

The prohibition of gang related clothing is as objectively understood as it is obvious: education and gangs are not a particularly synergistic combination. It is equally an innate fact that clothing which displays profanity, drugs or alcohol forces the administration to assume (regardless of the accuracy of the assumption) that said clothing promotes the use of vulgarity or narcotics. This is counter to Latin School’s stances on responsible and engaged citizenship and minors not taking part in the ravages of legal or illegal adult recreation. Though I do not necessarily agree with the school’s position, I can at least understand the restrictions on skimpy clothing; I for one understand how students can sometimes be distracted by such garbs, found on both men and women.

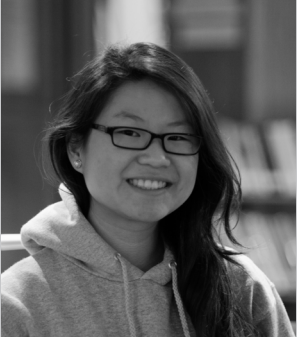
So when an announcement was made over the loudspeaker a few Wednesdays ago that pajama day had been cancelled and that violators would face disciplinary action, I was baffled. In the eyes of the administration, pajamas are not appropriate for the business of education.

Here’s what perplexed me, dear readers: first and foremost, nowhere in the BLS student handbook is the word “pajamas” anteceded by the phrase, “No student is permitted to wear...” The guidelines for dress are essentially a list expressing only what we may not wear or what length of clothing is permissible. With a presentation of only what is restricted, the dubious student will assume that whatever is not expressly prohibited is thus permissible. Obviously this line of thought becomes ever so erroneous when the responsible and engaged student remembers that one must dress appropriately for the business of education. This means that you cannot come to school naked, dressed in some ridiculous gorilla costume or clothed in only a loincloth. All of those things would no doubt prove distracting to the student body and are not exactly conducive to a proper learning environment. Yet when I looked around on the pajama-themed Wacky Wednesday, I saw nothing remotely distracting. Sure I laughed when I saw someone wearing Elmo footie pajamas. But then I got over it.

Honestly the footie pajamas were the worst thing that I saw. Sure, I heard the horror story about someone coming to school in pajama shorts that looked suspiciously like boxers, but after Ms. Markiewicz measured them, they were found to be within the four inch above the knee limit. Almost everyone else was simply wearing flannel pants and a t-shirt, and I think I speak for a vast majority of the student body when I say that pajamas aren’t a distraction. And many students wear pajamas to school on a daily basis.

I guess the real problem was that having a “pajama day” made wearing pajamas appear to be sanctioned by the school (something I can speak to, because I have worn a bathrobe to school and have not been reprimanded). This counters the administration’s perception of the three hundred seventy odd year tradition of an atmosphere of professionalism. I can only speculate that BLS as an institution—meaning faculty, administration and students alike—needs to realize that the way we dress is not the problem we need to be focusing on. It only becomes an issue when it is focused on, and focus on pajamas tends only to detract from our education, which perhaps is what should matter most to the school.

Forum Question
Should Students Be Able to Wear Pajamas in School?



Yes because people wear them anyways.
-Rani Pan I



Yes because you can’t tell someone to do something without a good reason.
-Anthony Cherry II



Yes, it is a form of free speech.
-Jack O’Halloran III



I think that shouldn’t be a problem because it doesn’t break any normal dress code rules.
-William Wang IV



Yes, if you are covering up your body and there is no skin or cleavage showing.
-Eliza Facada V



No because it distracts them from their work and we have a dress code already; we should stick to normal clothes.
-Susan Fabijanac VI

BSU Survey Column



The Argo is Boston Latin School’s student newspaper, and thus strives to accurately reflect the priorities and concerns of the student body. The Forum section in particular aims to provide a platform for student opinion and to promote open dialogue. This statement was submitted by members of the Student Union, in order that as many BLS students as possible are aware of current issues and can participate in the debate between the student members and the administration.

What’s the problem?

You may have heard about a student group called the Boston Student Union throughout this year. Although the Union has been trying to release a survey—which has been approved by both Headmaster Dr. Mooney-Teta and Assistant Headmaster Flynn—targeting student issues since the beginning of this school year, some teachers have expressed disapproval over distribution, which has halted all action and progress. They find that some of the topics covered by the survey should not involve student input and could be used by us to directly attack the school faculty. The questions, however, have been carefully reviewed and revised for months to ensure that they are appropriate and relevant to students. The survey was never intended solely to target one specific person or issue, but rather to gain a thorough understanding of the student body’s opinions. Below is a list of statements that are currently on the approved survey; some of these statements—which will be ranked anywhere from “strongly disagree” to “strongly agree”—have sparked some controversy:

- BLS causes me to experience unhealthy levels of stress.
- My peers respect their teachers.
- My teachers treat me with respect.
- BLS’s disciplinary procedures are fair.
- I feel that I have access to my guidance counselor.
- The Science department’s 4-3-2-1 grading system accurately measures my learning.
- BLS bathrooms are well-supplied and cleaned regularly.
- BLS administrators care about my opinions.
- My teachers behave very differently when an adult visitor is in the room.

The Union would love to know what you think about these questions!

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Sincerely,
The Student Union

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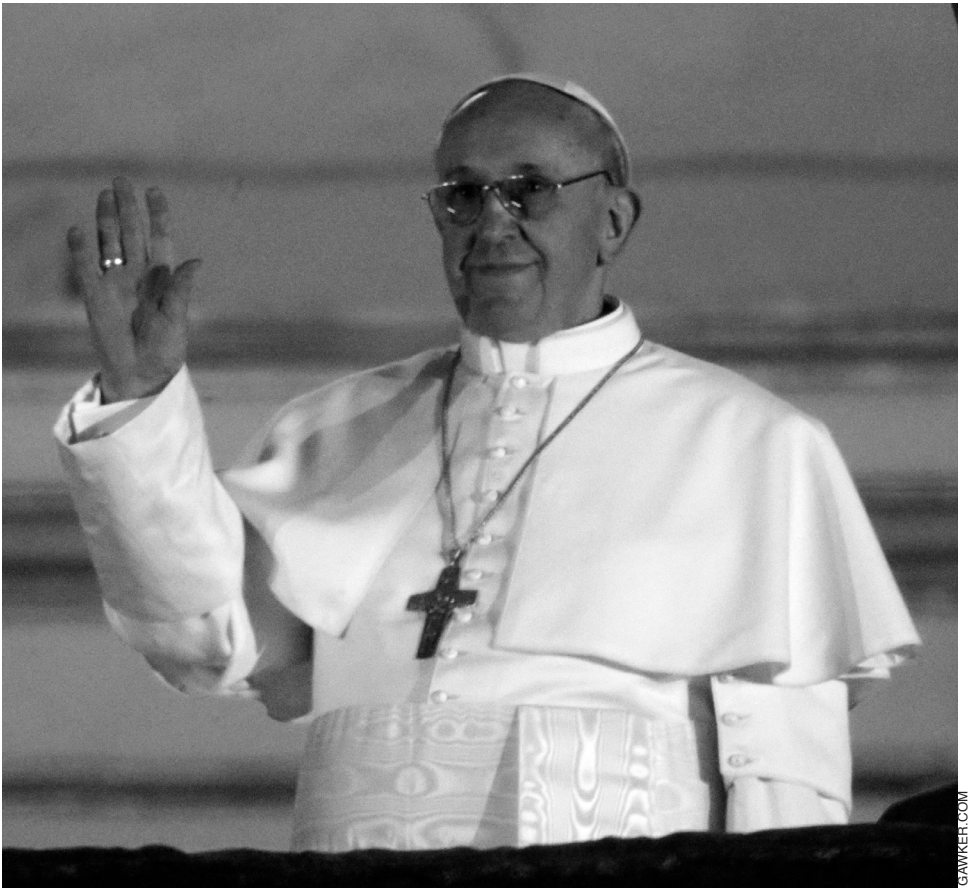
By JENNIFER HART, I
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Pope Benedict XVI made history when he stepped down from the papacy, being the first pope to do so since the fifteenth century. His abdication left the Catholic Church in a very strange situation where the elected pope has the chance to talk to the pope who served before him.

I, for one, was hoping for dramatic change when the papal conclave was announced. (The papal conclave refers to when cardinals from around the world convene and vote for a new Pope.) But we cannot expect a pigeon to turn into a flamingo overnight, I guess. The new pope, Pope Francis, is an old, white, Catholic man who stays true to the “norm.” Pope Francis, however, does in fact represent a change from the preceding pope. For example, he is the first pope to come from the Americas. This is particularly interesting because Catholicism was introduced to the Americans when the Spanish conquistadores arrived in the late fifteenth century and converted so many Native Americans. Now, a representative from the Americas holds the highest position in the Catholic Church.

So, what does this new appointment as the head of the Roman Catholic Church mean to people like you and me? The Catholic Church has been stuck in the past for practically all of its history. It is kind of known for it. I mean, I love my faith, but the Church needs to keep up. That is what I was looking for in this new Pope. I was looking for change—but again, change does not happen overnight. Even if there is black and white smoke involved.

Pope Francis is admirable for wanting to take a strong stand against global poverty and for education. And as a native



“...WE CAN’T EXPECT A PIGEON TO TURN INTO A FLAMINGO OVER NIGHT, I GUESS.”

of Argentina, he offers unique insight into Catholicism in Central and South America where the Catholic Church is strong and vibrant. The choice of Pope Francis was pretty radical on behalf of the Catholic Church, all things considered. Although he opposes policies that have become more popular in recent years (like gay marriage, abortion and birth control), Pope Francis’s opposition to these issues comes from his deep-seated faith in the Catholic doctrines. Nevertheless, I hope more radical and understanding popes will be elected in the near future.

So, socially, Pope Francis is not a huge step forward, but he is a change in the papacy, and I will be happy to see

what changes his time in the Vatican will bring to the one billion plus Catholics around the world. As a cardinal from Latin America, he represents the largest population of Catholics on Earth. He has always given his all to his faith—just Google him and find out for yourself about his education and the lifestyle he led before his papacy. He chose to live a simplistic lifestyle, serve the poor and educate himself in the ways of God. He is a fascinating man, to say the least.

Here’s to the new pope. Here’s to a changing and evolving Catholic Church. Now, let us see what he does until his time in office comes to a close and we get more black and white smoke.

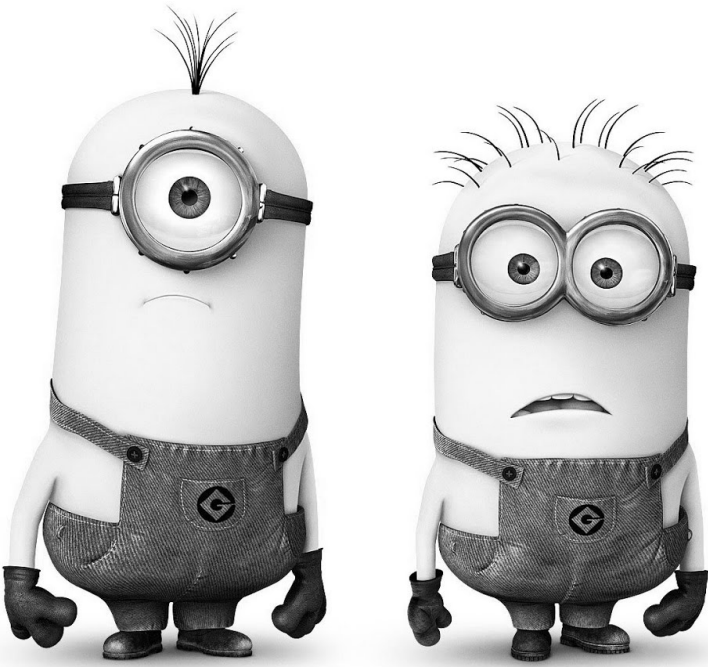
Celebrating Modern Pix Art

By TERRY NI, IV
STAFF WRITER

Somehow in America, it is perceived that animated movies are only for young children. Yet I am a huge fan of these films, both long and short. They’re moving art; they each provide a unique view of the world, depicting scenery and effects that cannot be replicated in real life but are ironically more believable because of the chimerical story lines they contain.

Animated movies come in many different styles and each one can evoke different feelings. For example, there are the traditional two-dimensional animated movies. These can be further divided as, Hayao Miyazaki’s films like *Ponyo* tend to have more muted colors and wilder hair, while the classical two-dimensional American movies have bolder colors and more groomed hair. Then come the stop-motion movies like *Coraline* that are extremely distorted and creepy, and finally the typical, smooth three-dimensional movies like *Toy Story 3* that now come out all the time. Yet in each one people are imaginatively portrayed in different shapes and sizes (picture Gru from *Despicable Me* at a real-life location like Starbucks, tot-

ing his freeze gun!) Animated movies present diversity which everyone can appreciate. Instead of being confined to the limits of real-life special effects, animators can create more believable action sequences. Talking animals, flying people, off-kilter colors, the ability to bounce off walls like a pinball; all



JUST LOOK AT THAT MAGNUM OPUS

these would look lame and cheesy in live-action if not performed perfectly. In animation, however, these effects are added easily. They provide more excitement and can take us away to wild worlds. I have always admired the way these works can make the impossible become possible.

In live-action films, directors

also have to worry about avoiding the “uncanny valley,” where the movie could become so realistic that there’s just some little strange thing which discomforts the viewer. Animated characters are so clearly fake that directors automatically avoid the “uncanny valley.” But they still make us believe in the movies. We temporarily trust these films while watching them in the same way we believe in *Quidditch* while reading *Harry Potter*. The movies maintain plausibility while still reminding us with every glance that they aren’t real. Animated films have created universes where anything can happen for us, so our imaginations aren’t limited by the laws of real life.

Animated movies can definitely please anyone. There are many such films that older audiences would love, and some even intended for them, like *Mary and Max*. Each film holds something special regardless of how young or old the viewer

is. As I watch the films that I first saw years ago, I notice many jokes that had previously escaped me. Everyone can admire the art and hard work of the film’s creators. So as the year moves on, and the season of animated movies starts to take off, I look forward to these films coming out soon, both sequels and originals.

A Tale of Two Cities

By GERALDINE VITTINI, I
A&E EDITOR

I first heard about the Boston-Strasbourg Exchange Program while blankly staring at the spine of my French 3 book. A girl, older than me and therefore wiser, came in, introduced herself, and launched into a speech about the Boston/Strasbourg Sister City Association. She spoke about the works the program has accomplished and the opportunities that its exchange students have received through the organization. Exchange students?

I immediately perked up.

It had always been a dream of mine to travel abroad and study a different culture, and to be honest, I had never heard of Strasbourg before I took part in the exchange program. Primarily based at BLS and including teens from other schools in Boston, the program was created by the city in 1983 as an effort to create a cultural and political bridge between the students in the twin cities of Boston and Strasbourg, France. Strasbourg is a city that is heavily connected to European affairs, serving as the site of the European Parliament and the European Union (there is a very important difference), and has a history of German and French possession that makes its language and cuisine very distinct. That very day, I picked up the information packets and spoke to my French teacher. Even though I had nothing more than a bundle of papers, I was already excited at the prospect of going to la belle France.

It didn't exactly turn out that way. Because I was so young (a shrill-voiced sophomore), and because that was the year French students would be coming to America, I had to host a student instead of being hosted.

At first, I felt ambivalent about this—I had already begun appropriating myself with berets and striped shirts—but as the

informational meetings began, and as the reality of hosting a real, live French person in my home became even more of an actuality, I could not wait for the opportunity to be a part of this amazing program.

And it truly was amazing. That summer was one of the best summers of my life. I saw firsthand what French teenagers were actually like: they saw the same trashy TV shows, listened to the same music and swore just as much, if not more, than we did—but maybe their eating habits weren't quite the same (the bread-eating is not a stereotype).

I learned how similar we Americans are to them. My exchange student was probably one of the coolest people I know, and although I could barely string words together in French, she and I had more in common than I could've foreseen. Sure, there may be some customs and celebrations in which we don't necessarily take part; but should the French people's penchant for stinky cheese

(do not try the Muenster) impede us from connecting to this wonderful culture?

That's what the essence of the exchange program really is: bringing students (a demographic famed for its ability to connect easily to others) into a country where important connections and ambassadorship can be created. Beyond the cliched, "we're-all-in-this-together" aspect that inevitably comes with meeting new kinds of people, there's also a sense of community that comes from being teenagers in the same kind of popular culture. We had the same love for Gaga and fast food, and they wanted to stick it to the Man just as much as we did. This program won't immediately rid America of its oft-ridiculed inability to read a map, but with this program, students begin to see that there's more to learning than $cl = al + bl$ — there's an entire world of cultures out there that's more accessible than we think it is.



LOOKS LIKE DISNEY, SMELLS LIKE TEEN SPIRIT

BR All Day

Bell Biv DeVoe's "Poison" and their own "epic R&B rock" hits. At the end of the night, our voices hurt from screaming back their lyrics, our bodies are sore from whatever movement they inevitably inspired in us, and our eyes are wide at their accomplishment in creating a club-sized circle mosh-pit to a hip-hop song simply titled "Girl, I'm Like Damn".

and hip-hop we know and love with the enthusiasm and energy of a heavy metal band, leaving us humming their songs day after day.

The band went on its first large-scale American tour this past month and is due for another album on May 14 called American Love. It just released a single, but there are already rumors flying of two newly-recorded songs, one of which features



AMERICAN LOVE-ING THESE BOYS

What some would call an urban Passion Pit, Bad Rabbits is one of the few post-R&B bands that have recently emerged in the New England area. Having matriculated from Northeastern University, this group combines influences of R&B legends like Michael Jackson and Prince with the heavier influences of hardcore icons like the Deftones and Glassjaw to create a musical experience unlike any other. Bad Rabbits is notorious for playing the funk

and will therefore showcase the members taking greater risks with their music - although it's not like Bad Rabbits has any competition in its self-created genre.

Keep your eye on this hodge-podge category-defying quintet. Bad Rabbits has a long way to go and a lot of popularity to gain, but the group has what it takes and most definitely stands out from the crowd. And whatever you do, do not miss the release of American Love.

Spotlight

Ariana Ule



By KATHLEEN DOUGHERTY, I
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Whether she has brown hair, blond hair, long hair or short hair, Ariana Ule can pull off any look and still look gorgeous. Seriously though--not only is she beautiful, she's also one hell of a girl. If your presence has not been graced by her, I am truly sorry.

It's a challenge describing her in less than 500 words but I think even Sparknotes would have a hard time summarizing the splendor of Ariana. There's just so much to love! Even her Twitter profile ("Latviete. I like food. And cats. Sometimes chemistry. But mostly food and cats.") barely scratches the surface of all she is capable of. Ariana is fluent in Latvian, and she's extremely proud of her culture and very eloquent in explaining it. For those of you who don't know where Latvia is, look it up. Or just ask Ariana! She might even show you her pictures from Latvian camp, which make even your summer trip to Bermuda look boring in comparison.

Not only does Ariana "like food," she's a master of it. Baking is her forte. Even though my love for sugar-filled, store-bought birthday cakes is powerful, I look forward to every birthday mostly because of the treat that Ariana unfailingly delivers to me before homeroom. Her lemon pound cake is my personal favorite—but I'm positive she could make anything you ask of her. Her chemistry references remind me of a trait that I have always admired and respected in her: she is very intelligent and diligent to an impressive degree. Ariana does every assignment to near perfection, making sure she learns from all of her mistakes.

Most people are gifted in either math and science or humanities. As a former AP chemistry student however, Ariana also had her prose work published in The Register. And this year, Ariana shocked the audience at the Spoken Word show by performing an original piece. This feat took great courage and strength (and a little bit of bribery). If you were not in attendance, I am pleased to tell you that she basically rocked it. It's funny to recall how intimidated I was by her six years ago (everyone was intimidating sixie year) given that we are now best friends. Our years sitting next to each other in band have made me realize that Ariana Ule is one of the best people you will ever meet at Boston Latin School—probably in the entire world. As Anna McColgan, fellow senior and second best-mate to Ariana, affirms: "Ariana smells like victory feels."

If you would like a full translation, please ask Anna. I'm actually not completely sure. What I understand from that is that Ariana always overcomes a challenge, regardless of how big or how difficult it may be, and emerges victorious —with a sick french horn soundtrack, of course.

Macklemore More than “Thrifty”

By Allie Kennelly, II
Staff Writer

Ben Haggerty, born on June 19, 1983, was just a little white boy from Seattle with dreams of being a super-famous rapper with “mad groupies,” like so many white boys before him. Nearly 30 years later he would be reborn as Macklemore, changing the game of rap with his innovation and intelligent lyrics.

If you haven’t heard this name yet, then you’ve probably been living under the proverbial rock for the past two months—Macklemore’s bargain anthem has been blowing up radios for most of early 2013. Macklemore’s rise to fame came in a matter of weeks: “Thrift Shop,” which was released without a record label, is the first independent song to reach the #1 spot on the Billboard Top 100 chart in 20 years, and is the second independent song to do so in all of Billboard history. The music video has nearly 174 million hits on YouTube and has sold 78,000 copies in the first week of its release.

Despite “Thrift Shop’s” rapid ascent to popularity, many people are already beginning to doubt Macklemore’s abilities. Although the lyrics to “Thrift Shop” are catchy and very clever, many people are still not impressed with this “white boy’s” one-hit wonder. But those people don’t realize that “Thrift Shop” is just the beginning for Macklemore. It was the quirky song to get everyone’s attention,

as it did, but the real Macklemore is far more than just taking your grandpa’s hand-me-downs. The real Macklemore writes music about his own life experiences, topics that are rarely discussed (let alone rapped about), the things you’d never expect from a twenty-something-year-old from Seattle.

In an interview with Dirty Laces, a Portland-based music blog, Macklemore said, “I try to be aware and go through



MORE THAN A THRIFT GOD (19 DOWN)

life as aware as possible. I think that there is a song waiting to be written in pretty much any situation in life...It’s real life situations, it’s real life experiences, it’s just trying to express myself as honestly and as vulnerably as possible.” Beyond “Thrift Shop,” Macklemore has written songs discussing gay rights, homophobia, consumerism, gun violence, racism and addiction.

In “Otherside,” one of Macklemore’s earliest and lesser known songs, he reveals that he too has struggled with and gone to rehabilitation for drug-addiction and alcoholism. Macklemore admits to moving back into his parents’ basement after

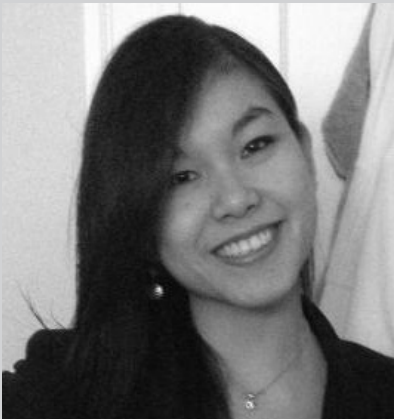
hitting rock bottom and urges rappers to take into account, “the power and effects that [they] have on these kids.” Two years later, with the help of Ryan Lewis, Macklemore released his second album, The Heist, which includes another one of his lesser known songs, “Starting Over.” In this song, he confesses to relapsing after three years. He admits to feeling ashamed of lying to his family and to letting down his fans, but he also talks openly about the battle of getting sober and offers encouragement rather than judgment. Macklemore’s music doesn’t just preach change—he realizes that it takes time and work to effect change; his courage to do so moves us all in his lyrics. As “Starting Over” leads into its final chorus and the music begins to fade in the back, we hear Ben Bridwell preach Macklemore’s final message, “we fell so hard, now we got to get back what we

lost.”

There’s no doubt that Macklemore’s climb to popularity has been a strange one. He got his name out there with a humorous song about thrift-shopping, but his name will stay out there because of the powerful messages he conveys in songs like, “Wings,” “Same Love,” “Otherside,” “Starting Over,” “Neon Cathedral” and “Awake,” just to name a few. Macklemore is an artist that is not afraid of being honest, doesn’t mind being judged and is ready to change the rap industry’s materialistic, shallow image for the better — but only if people are willing to give him a chance.

Spotlight

Edalina Wang



By Marina Adario, I
Contributing Writer

What’s that sound? Is that the sound of Edalina Wang playing her clarinet? Or splashing her way to victory in the swimming pool? Wait what’s that? “I said a wang bang bangity bang I said a wang bang bangity bang”? That’s from How I Met Your Mother, right? Which, coincidentally, is one of Edalina’s favorite TV shows when she has time to watch TV, that is. Edalina spends the majority of her time participating in what seems like hundreds of extracurricular activities, tutoring young children and putting them on the fast track to success while maintaining her through-the-roof GPA, and being one of the best friends we could ask for.

Edalina Wang is basically one of the most amazing human beings you will ever meet. Sometimes we wonder how she manages to find the time to do all of the things that she does. She is the captain of the swim team, which is no surprise since she’s been swimming since she was in the sixth grade, and an amazing clarinet player. She has been in the Senior Band since she was in the eighth grade, tootin’ away at that clarinet like it’s nobody’s business. She’s an officer of A.S.I.A., where she is always working hard to help plan events and sell tickets. Last summer, Edalina worked in Judge Patti Saris’s office as a Ward fellow, and this summer she is coming back for round two as the Ward Coordinator. As if that wasn’t enough, Edalina is also the beautiful secretary of the National Honor Society, having been a member since she was a junior. Edalina has always been passionate in sharing her knowledge and skills with younger students. Once a week she tutors children in elementary school, and used to teach clarinet to beginners. Recently, she has worked hard in bringing the El Sistema music program to Somerville.

Edalina is one of those people with whom you can go grab a fro-yo, sit down and casually chat for hours. Edalina is also extremely energetic, hopping from one subject to the next with ease; the conversation never gets boring with her. She’s always up for trying out that new restaurant, or just chilling with her gals with a good movie and a bowl of chex mix (Fun Fact! Edalina’s favorite part is the white chex, and she will hardly ever eat the pretzels). She’s full of creative thoughts, like, “Let’s make nutella crepes at one in the morning” or “Who needs a coat in Canada anyway?” She also has a great sense of humor, whether it’s laughing off a prank based on Pretty Little Liars or just joking around with her friends. Just like the sun zodiac sign Capricorn, Edalina is a bright star in our lives.



HE'D BE HOT EVEN WITH 15/40 VISION

By Ehis Osifo, I
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I am a passionate lover of all things, “Justin.” Whether it is Justin Bieber, Justin Long or the “Just In” sign that appears when a film I’m desperate to see has just been released. But at the top of that list is none other than beatboxing, Falsetto-flaunting, subpar actor (though we forgive him for it), Justin Timberlake.

Earlier this month, Justin Timberlake released The 20/20 Experience, breaking free from his six-year-long musical hiatus—yes, it’s been that long

since “Sexy Back” was released. In that time, he married Seventh Heaven star, Jessica Biel—imagine those babies!—acted in fan favorites such as The Social Network, Friends with Benefits and In Time, opened his own record label and production team and on top of all that, he purchased MySpace, claiming that he would help revive the otherwise dead website. Clearly, his Social Network days got to him, but if anyone can do it, JT can. I mean, playing a computer genius and shareholder in The Social Network certainly means that he is capable of managing a real social network, right?

Even though Mr. Timberlake has certainly been busy over the past half-decade, he has somehow made time to grace us with a neo-soul album that bests FutureSex/LoveSounds. They said that it couldn’t be done, but they never met JT.

The 20/20 Experience—dubbed so because according to Timberlake’s friends, “This is music you can see,” which is put quite accurately. Commercially and critically acclaimed for its lyrical brilliance and authentic new beats, this album brings something new to the dance floor, and the amount of teens gyrating to his songs can even be

seen from space.

The buzz started with the release of his single, “Suit & Tie”, featuring Jay-Z. Right off the bat, you know that this album is going to be good because Jay-Z doesn’t work with anyone unless they are worthy of his high expectations (see: Kanye West, Linkin Park, and The Roots). With its catchy beat and swagger, this song was but a taste of the album to come that would feature songs all better than “Suit & Tie.” The album has ten songs, which may seem like a short track list, but when you take into account that each song is about seven minutes long, your anxieties fly away. Each song contains a slow and sultry intro with an equally sexy outro that tells a story from beginning to end. You will want to keep reading this story long after it’s over—which has led to the abuse of the repeat button on my iTunes (Listen to “Pusher Love Girl” and you’ll see what I mean).

Overall, I give the album four thumbs-up. Timberlake proved to us that you can go AWOL from the music world for a few years and come back stronger than ever. The one downside to the album was that every song was pretty much a love letter to Jessica Biel and not me, but alas, you can’t have it all. Timberlake has certainly come a long way from his ‘N SYNC days, with his Ramen-noodle hair and parachute pants. His music—and style—has sure matured and has taken a turn for the better. To think, Britney Spears actually passed up on him.

This Restaurant Is Actually Horrible

By **GERALDINE VITTINI, I**
& **STEPHEN ZOULALIAN, I**
A&E Editors

It was supposed to be a pleasant evening with companions. We were supposed to walk out this affordable Italian family restaurant with little-to-no intestinal discomfort. We were supposed to enjoy the food of a restaurant long-hounded by NY Times critics and come home and write this joke article. Alas, we are writing this cautionary tale while chowing down on a bottle of Tums (an entire bottle), and although the electric candlelight was perfect, the plaster stucco was charming, and our hot waiter was nothing but attentive, now we know: never again.

We went to the infamous Olive Garden March 20th, 2013, with every rumor, criticism, and fear ever whispered about the Garden swirling around us, but, nevertheless, we still crossed that threshold into the world of comfort Italian fare. The management at the OG clearly knew we were coming, because Tyson -- the aforementioned handsome waiter -- was clearly the head garzon at that horrible place. His luscious hair and woodsy appeal were enough to make a lady perspire.

Stephen, precious darling that he is, went into fits because Tyson the Tiger didn't immediately bring us bottomless salad and breadsticks, even though we had sat down literally seconds before.

"I came only for the breadsticks, honestly," he affirms.

We began by ordering the aptly named Sampler Italiano, which means "assorted fried foods for appetizer" in Italian (Geraldine speaks it). The hot plate of fried calamari, zucchini and mozzarella sticks was carried out by an equally hot, Biggie Smalls-esque waiter. That place was just full of celebrities. The Sampler, looking predictably sad and mostly sand-coloured, fell flat in the flavor department: the calamari tasted like salt infused with canola oil, and the mediocre mozzarella sticks blew our minds when they came out as mozzarella triangles. But you can bet we ate every last bit. And that is

where Olive Garden's charms lie: their food is so appealing to that inner American palate for fried food and excessive carbohydrates that you don't realize until it's too late that your stomach really really hurts and you can't feel your lower extremities.

It should have been obvious that we were in trouble when we ordered alfredo sauce to dip our second or ninth breadstick in -- which is not kind at all to fine clothing (RIP sailor shirt and white J Crew selvedge denim) -- because after Tyson decided to take our order, we were already suspiciously full. That absolutely did not stop us from ordering the Steak-Gorgonzola Alfredo (16.65), the Chicken and Shrimp Carbonara (17) and the (American's) Tour of Italy (13), which comes with lasagna, fettuccine alfredo and chicken parm.

"Stephen, what does 'carbonara' mean?" I asked.

"It's like chicken and ham and bacon or something. But in spaghetti."

Soon, we were slurping and gnawing on fake balsamic-glazed steak, fake parmesan-crust chicken and shrimp, fake whole-wheat fettuccine. The growing strain on our jeans, however, was all too real. You know how competitive eaters seem to inhale food at an impressive rate, leaving you to

wonder if they're even masticating as they eat? That's what we looked and sounded like, driven by some alarming animalistic impulse to eat everything and anything on the hubcap-sized plate in front of us. Olive Garden could have served us a plate of alfredo-covered ebola and we probably would have eaten it.

Ok yes, the above hyperbole is highly illogical, but we're sure that even if we didn't eat some specialized viral strain, we sure came close -- anything consumable at the OG is fair game for upset... everything. We are sure that the OG takes the utmost care in preparing their fine meals and thrilling appetizers, and we are not saying that they sprinkle illness onto their plates... but we're not not saying that either.

In the end, when the landscape before us looked like Normandy but with tomatoes and cheese sauces, the full breadth of our errors lay deep in our stomachs. Tyson swiped our credit cards, bagged the remainders of those precious breadsticks, and we left the Garden, pounds heavier and dignities destroyed. If you are in the mood of serious psychological and intestinal damage, go on and head over an Olive Garden of Death near you. We seriously don't know what we were expecting.



ONE SERVING OF KIDNEY FAILURE COMING RIGHT UP!

"Guild"-ing the Theatre Lily

By **OONA CULLEN, I**
Assistant A&E Editor

There is nothing quite like the Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild Festival and the whole process leading up to it. This year, I had the pleasure of directing the BLS Guild Play and orchestrating the writing of the play. We started the process in late December. Initially, a title was thought of, and then we improvised scenes off of the title. Eventually, we strung together the strongest scenes to make a story line. We cast the roles, edited, rewrote and worked like maniacs until we eventually had our finished play: White Telephone.

White Telephone follows the love story of roommates Dakota and Reese, played by Imani Sherley (III) and Sadia Bies (I). Dakota is an archaeologist who is struggling to find artifacts so that she can keep her grant, and Reese is a time traveler who gets sent back into the past by a mysterious Operator, played by Andrew Zick (I), to ensure that the present will happen the way that it is supposed to. The strain put on their relationship as a result of Reese's time traveling is the main conflict in the play, culminating in the ambiguous ending where Reese must either choose to continue time traveling and never see Dakota again, or to stay with Dakota and never time travel again. White Telephone is a beautiful love story, complete with com-

elling and emotionally charged scenes as well as moments of comedy. In particular were the performances of Nate Krieger (IV) and Gus Vivieros (IV), in the roles of the French waiter Stephan and his protégé Jean Claude.

From the technical side of things, BLS Theatre Tech truly outdid themselves under the direction of Nora Hill (II), whom also created a beautiful soundscape that helped give the world of the play a vibrant life. This could not have been completed without the stunning lights by Maddie Higgins (I), and the ingenious sets created by Joe Sheehan (I). The actors themselves were transported into the world of the play with fabulous costumes, designed by Lissi Velez-Cross and Mariel Rice (II), and makeup expertly designed and applied by Anya Smith (I) and Geneva Cusack (II).

But one of the greatest parts of participating in the Guild play is the Guild Festival, where schools from all over Massachusetts compete to move on to Semifinals, State Finals and the New England Showcase. All the plays shown must be under forty minutes or they will be disqualified, and the entire set of each play must be able to be assembled and broken down in five minutes. Unfortunately, White Telephone did not make it past the preliminary round of the festival. Nevertheless, we did win three All-star Cast Awards, one for Nate Krieger for the role of Stephan, one for Nora

Hill for outstanding set design and one for myself for student directing. The spirit of the Guild Festival is akin to what kids experience at a sports game that is somehow mashed up with a pep rally. There is a dance for all the schools, gift baskets exchanged and lots of encouragement and discussion of all the plays.

Though we did not make it through to Semifinals, we did have the opportunity to participate in a non-competitive showcase at Wellesley High School. This was great because it allowed for much more opportunity to mix with other kids without the competitiveness getting in the way. We were able to just enjoy some truly amazing plays, including one written by the cast and crew at Wellesley, which was utterly beautiful. Again, we danced and won some more All-Star Cast awards with these ones going to Sadia Bies for the role of Reese, Imani Sherley for the role of Dakota, Anna Baronas (I) for outstanding stage managing (and believe me, she was outstanding) and another one for Nora Hill's gorgeous sound design.

Overall, Guild is always a wonderful and moving experience, and I am beyond privileged to have had the opportunity to direct it. For anyone interested in doing Theatre, I encourage you to try out for next year's Guild play—it is truly an unforgettable experience.

Spotlight

Brian Averill



By **TRINA DO, I**
Staff Writer

The first time I met Brian was when we were precocious eighth graders, in homeroom 031 with Ms. Brun (#NeverForgetFelician). Five years later, he hasn't changed much, still donning his tried-and-true uniform of a slightly oversized hoodie, an unbuttoned henley, blue jeans and a satchel along with his quirky (yet unfunny) dark humor. Yes, Brian, I understand that now you own some articles of clothing from J.Crew and GAP, but it still doesn't change the way you tilt your head and squint your eyes when you triumphantly deliver a comeback, dumb smirk still in place. Everyone who knows Brian will know what I'm talking about, and for those of you that don't, he's the one strutting up and down the senior hallway wearing that blasted grey and red Denison University hoodie three out of five days of the week. You don't know fashion forward until you've met Brian.

I'm proud to say that Bri-Bri got into college on the Posse Scholarship to Denison University in Granville, Ohio, or "20 minutes away from Columbus," -- as if anyone still knows where that is. If that isn't awesome, considering he just saved his wallet a cool \$200,000, I don't know what is. His biddie game, though, might be a different story. Regardless of his demand to hug every girl he sort-of knows in the hallway (then eliciting a sort of reluctant response), his genuine courage and perseverance have set him apart from most people I know. Brian is a very true person, and I am honestly grateful to have an amazing friend like him.

Based on the therapy sessions Brian has given me free of charge, I think he'll make an excellent psychology college professor one day, or whatever career he decides to pursue -- he's honestly one of the nicest dudes you'll know. No one else can bear the brunt of my Ben Whishaw spam, or my opposite sex woes, or my refusal to click on obscure links (never again). He probably keeps himself sane by writing in his Lord of The Rings Moleskine journal (read: diary) that he stores in a special compartment in his satchel, filled with heartfelt lyrics and angsty drawings of people he wishes he could ask to prom (ladies). Brian has also recently purchased an acoustic guitar. I've been trying to get him to learn "Wonderwall" by Oasis so he can swoon the ladies, but he hasn't "gotten around to it" yet. Probably explains a lot.

So if you don't already know Brian, you should definitely try to get to know him -- but not on his precious "Posse Tuesdays," in which he leaves school at 2:15 like a certain demographic of this esteemed institution. He likes Game of Thrones, girls who can give mean back massages, men who sing raspily into a microphone, Hooters and Netflix -- to name a few. He's an awesome guy who's true to his friends and occasionally, he even buys you Starbucks. Personally, anyone who buys you Starbucks is a friend worth keeping.

A&E

To Sock or Not to Sock



WE USE WORDS LIKE 'SPRIGHTLY' AND LOOK GOOD WHILE SAYING IT

By Alex Walter Saintcyr, I
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ay chaps, good news: the Vernal equinox has arrived! For those of you sprightly young men who don't know what that means, spring is back and so is the demand for the latest additions to fashion etiquette. What's good with the pastels? What are ascots? Is it all right if I

do not want to wear socks with my boat shoes? Patience, my beloveds, all will be made clear in due time.

The first step towards modifying your style for spring is to take into account that you must feel good in order to look good. So here's a little pep talk from yours truly: I know you went out with her and it was good while it lasted but change is great. You'll grow a mustache, a beard and

much more hair soon enough. You're not a momma's boy; you're just the youngest of ten children. And through it all, you've learned from your mistakes and now you're ready to move on with your life.

Pastels are faded versions of solid colors, kissed by the sun itself for a touch of brightness. You can implement them in solid-colored crew or V-neck t-shirts under a cotton cardigan or alternatively, a pastel-collared shirt under a lightweight blazer (suit jacket). Oh, by Neptune's knickers! You'll need some pants as well. A great way to style your legs for the spring is the chino, a traditional year-round pant commonly known as khakis, which comes in a variety of colors and can fit into any social event.

A pair of light indigo-washed jeans will do just as well, diversifying your closet while you subtly transform from man to superman. As footwear goes, canvas sneakers, tennis shoes or even leather loafers can make for a comfortable and stylish fit. And yes, you can wear boat shoes without the socks. Just be sure to cuff your pants to show off those muscular ankles.

Accessories are not always necessary but do provide a touch of individuality. They are perfect for piecing together a combination of colors established in your top and bottom. Typically, fellers go for the timekeeper or that ice on the wrist. Watches, however, can be taken for granted, especially if the band is not interchangeable. So spice things up with a leather wristband, relatively cheap and easily removable for warm weather, or perhaps an anchored band, the latest in men's fashion.

No matter what your outlook on style may be, do not be afraid of a little trial and error. Take a stab at poking around in your closet; combine patterns and fabrics that you wouldn't normally wear for a gentlemen's night out or perhaps a birthday party. Experiment and expose yourself to what others have adopted as their own form of fashion to create a style tailored to who you are. Dare to do something no one else has done, because good leadership is always in fashion.

ARGONOMICS



Horoscopes

Aries, Mar 21 - Apr 19: No one likes you this week. Brace yourself for scant birthday pickings. [Editor's Note: if I don't get good presents, I swear, I will do absolutely nothing at all.]

Taurus, Apr 20 - May 20: Mercury may or may not be in retrograde. Watch out for fires or something. Also did you know that cannon balls float in mercury? Cool.

Gemini, May 21 - Jun 20: You will soon find your limits tested. Just how dry can a human mouth get? The answer is yours to discern.

Cancer, Jun 21 - Jul 22: Watch out for clawed crustaceans, you swagjacker.

Leo, Jul 23 - Aug 22: You might find your dreams for the next week to be filled with babies. Many babies. All wriggly and stuff.

Virgo, Aug 23 - Sep 22: Wear only white this week. Colors ARE harmful to your chi, but don't worry you will reach Nirvana someday.

Libra, Sep 23 - Oct 22: The next time you find yourself in a sticky situation, you should stop. When will the stickiness end?

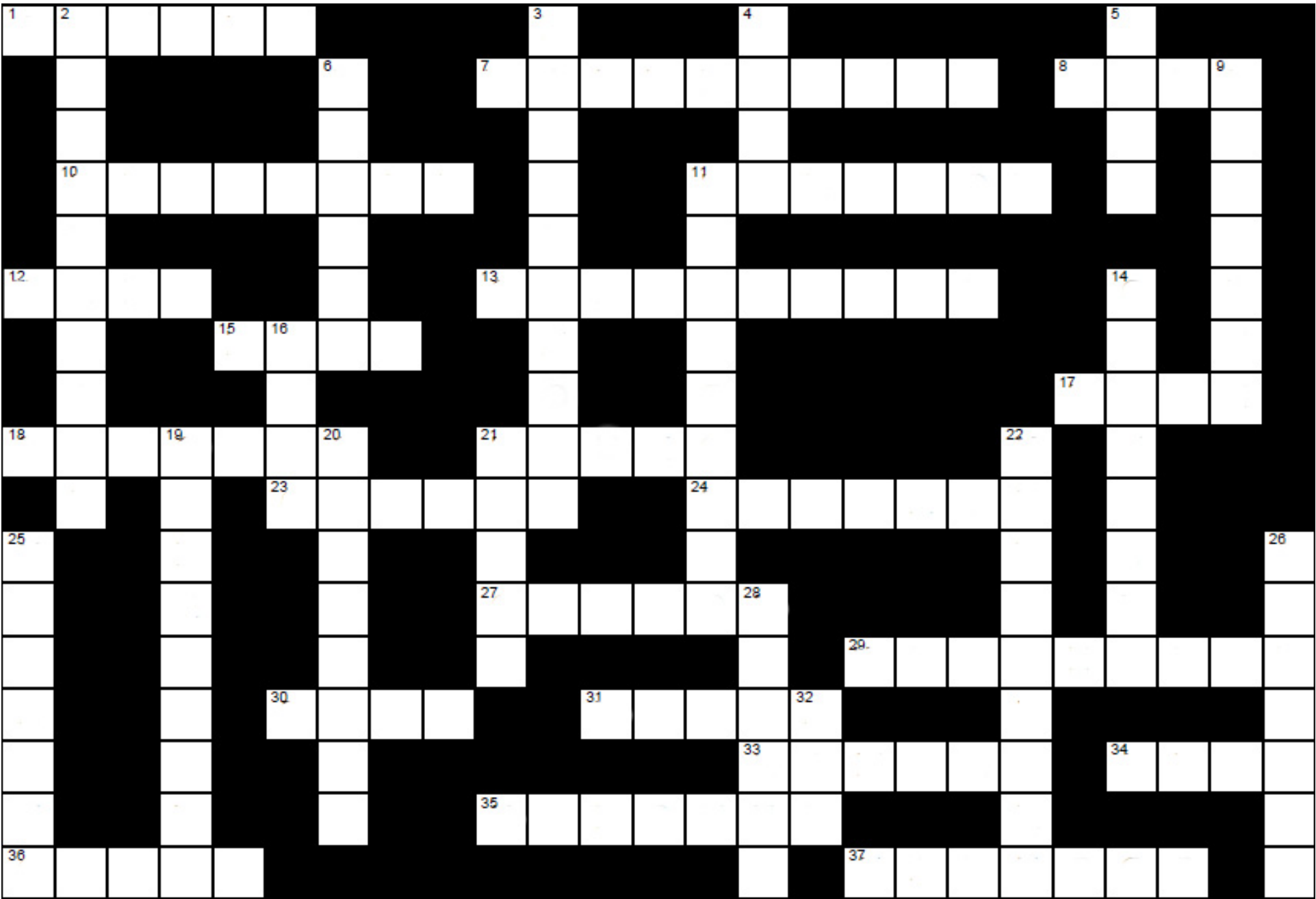
Scorpio, Oct 23 - Nov 21: If you wake up on the wrong side of the bed tomorrow, question how you managed to slip into the Nth dimension while sleeping. Discuss with your peers whether they have had vicious nightmares about entering unreal timezones. Now is a time to be open.

Sagittarius, Nov 22 - Dec 21: You will be approached by a shadowy figure. This figure will attempt to sell you an ocelot. Do not buy the ocelot. A better offer will soon be on the table. Ocelots equal buyer's remorse, always.

Capricorn, Dec 22 - Jan 19: Your hands will be incon-solably cold and clammy. Very, very clammy. This too shall pass.

Aquarius, Jan 20 - Feb 18: When the moon is in the seventh house and Jupiter aligns with Mars, then peace will guide the planets and love will steer the stars.

Pisces, Feb 19 - Mar 20: You will meet a tall dark stranger. That's it. The end.



Across

1. "Fits like _____"
7. Twilight-esque zombie flick with Skins' Tony
8. G or Bass ____, in music
10. Don't yoU Mind Bad CapitaLization dUring rEading?
11. Emotion felt when counting auditorium lights
12. Katie. Wallace. Andrew. Edalina. BLS. THINK.
13. The disease sweeping the 1st- and 2nd-floor Hallways
15. BLS's <favorite> Italian senior
17. The color of my irises
18. Foster the People's debut album
21. Peter Gene Hernandez's performing first name
23. Candle. The answer is candle.
24. Last year's semi-nickname for the Art Wing
27. Spanish carbon
29. Pajama-Drama on infamous weekday
30. Irrelevant religious leader (or is rapidly becoming); esteemed JP family
31. BLS's biggest and best music competition; coming in April
33. That Girl with Gotye
34. Alleged Nazi filmmaker
35. Glasses. Vampire Weekend. Plaid. Pitchfork music blog. THINK.
36. BLS's annual winter theatrical competition/production
37. Mrs. Gay and O'Brien's similarities

Down

2. June 10th, in many minds
3. He Who Made Thrifting Cool
4. Carpe diem for idiots
5. BLS'S senior "Saint-"; Veritably verbose versifier
6. Cambridge resident and awesome theatrical musician Amanda
9. My favorite sport and BLS club; fri-days!
11. "Roses really smell like _____" (yep)
14. Ohio's Capital; Brian Averill's college location
16. BLS's senior Big "Mac"
19. Ukraine's nuclear disaster
20. Thrift King's song about gay rights
21. The opposite of white
22. SNL'S worst host EVER; very short
25. What did you REALLY do during those snow days?
26. This class features an original textbook, seniors, juniors AND sophomores
28. This coin has NO right to be bigger than its more-valued counterpart
32. Aang's original bending element

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Spotlight

Teresa Frappaolo



By Bria Fredericks, I & Sophie Hyman, I & Rachel Kelly, I
Contributing Writers

Teresa’s talents and various nicknames far outnumber those of the average person. Although she has a comical reputation of not showering, she also has a reputation of being an incredible friend and a talented gal. She is mostly known for being a bright scholar, an amazing soccer player and a fantastic rower, but Teresa also manages to excel at much more than this. Teresa can beat anybody in a dance contest, and even when belting out the lyrics to a song, Teresa manages to make it sound great. Her passion for food has led to the creation of many scary, yet delicious, food combos (mostly involving cream cheese), and her baking is always the best. Christmas cookies at the Frappaolo’s are plentiful and delicious, probably with the help of Santa Claus since Teresa was one of those late believers. She also always has rejuvenating afterschool snacks which she shares on the soccer bus while being an amazing captain to the team. Teresa can even be found in the art wing sketching pictures that she claims look bad, but are actually beautiful. If you trip while walking up the stairs and completely embarrass yourself, she is the kind of person who will purposely walk into a wall or burp loudly, or do something as equally embarrassing to your trip, just to make you feel more comfortable. She genuinely cares about people; she does not stop trying to help, even if it is inconvenient for her.

What defines Teresa more than any of her talents is her selflessness and kindness to everyone around her. Her favorite famous quote is, “I think everybody should be nice to everybody,” and if you know Teresa, this is exactly how she is. She sacrifices so much for the people she loves and even for the people she is meeting for the first time. She doesn’t care who’s popular or pretty or smart or funny. She cares about loving and being kind to anybody that needs it. She is there for you 100 percent of the time, offering you anything you need, anything that will help get you through the day. Teresa’s strength, not only on an erg, but in life and the difficult times that she has gone through or will face, truly inspires us. Her passion and ability to care about other people above all else, above her school work and social standings, above her success in sports and beautiful good looks, make her the person that everybody wants to know. Thanks to T we were able to survive six brutal years at BLS and create so many amazing memories, #QUATROS!

SPORTS
En Garde, Ready, Fence!

By Anli Xiang, III
Contributing Writer

Boston Latin School puts its blade up for the first time ever with the 2012-2013 season for the BLS fencing team. Thanks to the efforts of Captain Angel Jin (I), several hard working parents, students, faculty members and coaches, BLS is finally able to have its very own fencing team. Complete with foil, sabrŭ and ŭrie fencers, they practice at the Moe Wen Fencing Club every week to perfect their lunging, parrying and bouting skills. They also enjoy a game of capture the flag or tennis ball soccer every now and then.

Fencing is often described as the “physical chess” of sports, and many students would agree as fencing gains popularity at BLS. Inspired by a fencing edition game of Simon Says, new recruit Michaela Trout (III) says, “When I decided to join, it was so much fun and everyone was so welcoming. I like learning and attacking people with a sword, it’s pretty fun,” as she described her interest for the fun and challenging sport. “It truly is a different sport,” says Angel as she expresses her passion for fencing, “it requires you to be more intuitive than most sports.” Every practice, BLS fencers challenge both their minds and their bodies as they learn and develop new strategies and techniques. With a team of about 24 fencers, the BLS fencing team is ready to step onto the fencing strip and make themselves known.

Wrestling is a sport that requires not only a physical toughness, but a mental toughness. Our Latin School wrestlers brought that to the mat each and every time they went out to brawl. Wrestling is a different kind of sport; of course team members have the support of their team, but when they go out on the mat, it is just them. One can hear the screams of advice muffled through the tight headgear. All the training and conditioning they have been through is what helps the team win, and individual members cannot count on the team to help them fight. The individual performances of the team make up the overall score for the meets. This puts an enormous amount of pressure on them, but it is nothing they cannot handle. The line “get six” means six points for the team for each individual pin. Dan Gable, a famous wrestler, once said, “Once you’ve wrestled, everything else in life is easy,” and with the amount of self-discipline it takes, he was probably on to something. The captains Gregory Stewart (I), Connor Pease (I), Jeffrey Liang (I) and Ben Marshall (II) led the Wolfpack this season with Coach Gibbons at the helm. They had an 11-9-1 record in the Dual County League this past season, and the team is constantly improving. More and more people join the wrestling team every year, each with visions of grandeur and glory on a team boasting almost 40 students who compete for 14 Varsity-weight classes. The competition breeds better wrestlers who continuously work at it all year round, improving

By Abdurizak Abdi, I
Sports Editor

Being a newborn team to the school did not stop the fencers from competing as they started the season with an outstanding win for the women’s team in a meet against Commonwealth School. Encouraged by this unforgettable victory, they rolled their fencing bags out to Beaver Country Day School to compete at the 2013 State Championships in March. The day started off as the team huddled up and chanted to the Farmer’s Insurance commercial jingle, “We are Latin, bum ba dum bum bum bum,” led by Jason Sachs, the foil coach. The fencing soon began as the BLS fencing team started its rotation to fence all of the 10 schools competing at States. Even though the BLS fencing team did not have complete teams competing, which resulted in a forfeit of points, they did not allow this setback to deter their focus and determination. “You guys [are] just freshmen,” said Alex Kushkov, sabrŭ coach, as he encouraged



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the team to try their best to crush their opponents. Charles Ma (IV), sabrŭ, led the pack with a stunning score of 5-4, placing fourth in pools and qualifying for the next round. Next came Emer Creighton (II), sabrŭ, with a score of 4-5, securing fifth place in the pool and also qualifying herself for the next round. Despite having only six months of fencing experience, Yasmeen Elaywan (IV), led the women’s ŭrie team with inspiring determination as she won three bouts for the team. Angel led the foil team with an outstanding score of 8-1, putting her in second place for the pools and qualifying herself for the next round. The team events wrapped up with BLS in sixth place for both Men’s Sabrŭ and Women’s Foil, and three fencers advancing to the semifinal rounds. After semifinals, Angel was promoted to the final pool and battled it out for a bronze medal victory for BLS.

As the season wraps up with outstanding results at the State Championships, the BLS fencing team is already looking forward to the next season. With plenty of eager fencers from sixies to sophomores, the team is expecting a strong lineup for years to come. Sharp skills and bladework ensure that no one will ever catch the BLS fencing team off guard, and if anyone tries, they will certainly be challenged to a battle they will never forget. So if you are up for the challenge, suit up, grab a weapon and en garde, ready, fence!

Get Six

their technique.

Aside from the team’s success as a whole, there have been some standouts this season. Senior Captain Connor Pease was named a Dual County League All-Star, with Captain Ben Marshall (II) and Mike Cronin (I) receiving honorable mentions. Connor “More Peas Please” Pease and Ben “The Machine” Marshall also made it to the State tournament this year. BLS Wrestling is respected throughout the Dual County League as being a team with a lot of heart and with much less funding than the programs at other schools.

The team’s future looks bright next winter with the new captains, Phil Nguyen (II), Sebastian D’Amico (II) and Daniel Lei (III). Sebastian was optimistic about next season and proud of what the team has accomplished this season: “This was

a great season that could have been much better if we had a lot of people contribute to our success this year including great seniors. Looking a head to next year I believe we can be as good as or better than this year--we have a lot of good younger wrestlers who are ready to take the next step.” The team progresses forward with Sebastian Philemon (III) as a powerhouse in the 182-lb-weight-class, Brian Mangilog (II) the B-Boy and Latin scholar and Brendan Maguire (IV), the agile and experienced Lightweight. Captain Jeffrey Liang leaves inspiring advice for the Wolfpack next year, “Look to your left, look to your right, if he isn’t pinned yet, something ain’t right.”



THE VICIOUS WOLFPACK ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEATS.

SPORTS

Tennis Starts with Love

By FOUAD BAGHDAD-ZOUGGAGHRHGHRR, I
SPORTS EDITOR

The Boston Latin Boy’s Tennis team is one of the best in the Dual County League (DCL) with a 14-6 record. This passionate team led by Captain Jordan Tolbert (I) and Coach Herb Chenel is a true DCL dream team.

Last year was the best year ever for the team as they placed second in the DCL under Wayland, which has consistently been one of the top schools in the league. The team has qualified for the State tournament for the last five years and last year got up to the semi-finals by defeating the top seed Winchester 3-2 although Latin was seeded eighth. Unfortunately, Reading beat Latin 3-2 in the semi-finals. With a fresh squad this year, BLS Tennis is looking for gold and plans to get it.

The team is filled with both seasoned veterans and some new up-and-comers. The team is graced by the leadership of Jordan “The Rocket” Tolbert, who has been on the varsity team since he was a sixie. Jordan has also risen to be voted the best tennis player in the league; Coach Herb commented on his performance saying, “Jordan Tol-

bert is one serious tennis player; he is on a very high level and has a passion for the sport and competition.” With the great seniors on the team such as Sam “I Work Hard At The Gym” Poon and Wilson “Handlebar” Hy, Justin “Just in Time” Sun and Arthur “The Beast” Williams, the team expects this season to be fantastic. Accompanied by some new rising stars such as George



CAPTAIN JORDAN TOLBERT (I) SHOWING THEM WHAT FOR WITH A BACKHAND

Liu-Krason (II) and Lance Dorgan (III), the team is hoping to beat their record from last year when they placed second in the DCL under Wayland. Coach Herb “The Berb” Chenel expounds, “These kids have been playing in tournaments and are only getting better; I don’t see these kids stopping.” There are a lot of new guys who will make fine additions to the BLS Varsity clan coming up from the Junior Varsity team.

All the players have made tremendous progress year-round and have

participated in several tournaments to sharpen their skills for the approaching season. “If you’re not putting anything into something, you can’t expect to get anything back,” said Coach Herb. The enthusiasm is there, the players are confident and that is what any successful team in any sports league needs to get to the top. The players’ hard work and determination are what have taken

their playing to such a competitive level and have earned them respect from opposing teams. These new players are going to try and compete with last year’s squad and will hopefully be able to surpass them. Rhonny Rosario from the Class of 2012 played second singles last year and lost only one match. He has now taken his talents to St. Lawrence to show the unworthy eyes of its students his true skills. Coach Herb says, “We’ve got some committed people and we have fun as a team, it’s something we all look forward to.” Deep down inside, this is what high school sports are really about. Be sure to come to their home games at Harvard Stadium on Wednesday, April 3 against Pembroke and Friday, April 5 against Cambridge Rindge and Latin. The BLS Tennis team is looking forward to a great and eventful season, with the vets and the young’uns ready to backhand, backspin and dominate the DCL.

Real Boaters Don't Need Motors

By KAYLA McLAUGHLIN, I
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At the end of every March, the Boston Latin School Sailing Team prepares for the beginning of a bitterly cold season. Although the term “sailing” can be considered synonymous with rest and relaxation, the sailing team is not for the faint of heart. As the temperature rises in preparation for spring, the water temperature of Boston Harbor does not rise as rapidly, and is often times at freezing temperatures as the sailors head out onto the water. How cold is it, you may ask? “Colder than a tin toilet seat on the shady side of an iceberg,” Ben Ringrose (III) comments. Even so, every afternoon they trudge to Courageous Sailing Center in Charlestown to practice from 3:30 P.M. until dusk. Alexis Kelly (II) explains excitedly, “Can’t wait for another sea-

son on the water, despite the cold. It is a sport where you sail through two very different seasons—the cold of the winter and the warmth and sunlight of the spring.” Many of the sailors are not only committed spring season athletes, but the majority sail through the summer, fall and even winter, participating in regattas independently such as Marblehead Junior Race Week and the Junior Olympics.

The first regatta of the season is The Keelboat Kickoff. The BLS sailors race against 20 other schools that are members of the Massachusetts Bay League. This regatta is undoubtedly one of the largest and coldest of the year and is hosted on BLS’s home turf. This regatta, one of the three largest of the year, truly kicks off the start to a very busy season. Every week, the sailors square off against schools such as Brookline High School, Buckingham

Browne & Nichols and Lincoln Sudbury. These meets lead up to States at MIT and Massachusetts Bay League Finals. For the past four years, Boston Latin School has been third in the division, defeating teams with much greater equipment and of a much greater size. Victory is thanks to the fearless leaders, Dave DiLorenzo and Cha Ling O’Connell, as well as new coach but old friend, Chris DuBois.

For sailors, the racecourse is like a chessboard—always changing and almost impossible to predict. Three boats from each team participate in the meets, and each boat contains a skipper and a crew. The skipper steers the boat while the crew focuses on sailing fast and racing tactics. While in many sports, careful planning and strategy is used in preparation for meets. The Boston Latin School sailors must use their wits and sailing knowledge in order to meet the task. Each meet is different than the next; the sailors must not only take into account their opponents, but also the ever-changing wind and currents. This, however, shows the true unity of the team, as they rally to strategize their tactics for the races on the water. Leading the team are seniors Ian Hay, Kayla McLaughlin and Jack Flaherty, as well as Kerry Lydon and Steven DeAngelo. The feeling of love is very apparent around the sailing team. Sophomore Benjamin Ringrose comments, “There is nothing better than being out on the water doing what you love with the team you love.” No matter what happens during the season, the sailing team sticks steadfast to their motto: “Suns out, guns out.”



LATIN SCHOOL SAILING IN THE BOSTON HARBOR

Spotlight

Tori Clancy



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If you’re lucky, during your six years at BLS, you will have been graced by the presence of the beautiful Amazon that passes through the halls. Everyone knows her as the star varsity soccer player, or more notably for her domination of the juniors in the Powder Puff game, but I know her as my best friend. Although it may be hard to believe, I used to be taller than Tori. Yes, I was the unfortunate looking girl with an eye patch, while Tori was always the adorable child, shining on the soccer field since the age of four.

Tori never fails to dress to impress, totally making me look homeless. She can stick to her boots and scarves, I’ll stick to my yoga pants and v-necks. I cannot tell you the number of times she has saved my life when crossing the street. There are too many. Tori makes up for my lack of common sense by always teaching me valuable lessons, such as how a politician is not called a politicker and how people are able to get married any day during the week, not just on weekends.

We’ve been through so much together since that first day of kindergarten when I totally judged her for her haircut. Even when Tori thought it was okay to eat a flower and then ended up in the hospital for two weeks, or when she carried me all the way home when I broke my foot on a trampoline, we’ve been through it all. I would be lost without this girl, considering that she opens up my locker for me more often than I do and ties my sneakers for me every day.

On the soccer field, Tori is one to be reckoned with. Not only is her resemblance to Hope Solo breathtaking, but her soccer skills also show pure talent. During the past two soccer seasons, I’ve had the pleasure of becoming close friends with Tori, through the very long bus rides to places like Acton-Boxborough or through the grueling, rainy soccer games. She never fails to make me laugh even after a tough game, which happens quite often. Even though I won’t be able to see her every day next year and play beside her on the field, I know she will be turning heads on the Endicott College soccer field for the next four years.

There’s no doubt in my mind that this girl is going places. How many people can say they’ve been scouted for DI soccer schools since sophomore year? From age six when Tori had a six-pack, to our senior year when she has grown into one of the most talented and true friends that I could ever ask for, we have remained like sisters. Although we may not go to the same college next year, I know that you will be successful and don’t worry, I’ll be sure to send you lots of selfies.

P.S., let’s try to avoid getting hit in the face by any more birds.